

UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

October 1, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Worship Support Volunteers Needed

Every member of our church family has a role to play. We need ushers, flowers, coffee hour hosts, audio/video support and worship assistants every Sunday. **Please sign up for at least two slots on the schedule on the bulletin board by the restrooms.** Thanks.

Hannaford Gift Cards

Ellie L. will be selling Hannaford Gift Cards in the Parish Hall on Sundays after church. If you buy your groceries with a Hannaford card, the church receives 5%. Please enter the Nursery one person at a time to purchase your cards.

Share the Plate – October

– Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness

In October, we will be sharing our plate collection with Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness.

Please e-mail announcements to Brian in the church office (uuchurch@zwi.net) by 8 AM the Wednesday prior to the Sunday they are to appear. Announcements will not be carried over to the next week unless you notify us no later than Wednesday. Thanks.

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TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP:

Honoring Indigenous Peoples' Day Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness

Lisa Sockabasin, MS, RN

Lisa Sockabasin is a citizen of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk. Lisa has expertise in tribal and state governments, non-profits, and philanthropic organizations. In her capacity as the CEO of Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness, Lisa collaborates with tribal leadership, federal agencies, and philanthropic partners to address systemic inequities experienced by indigenous people. Lisa enjoys developing and implementing culturally based programs that respond to the needs of all communities.

NEXT SUNDAY – October 8

Blessing of the Animals

Rev. Laurence Miller

Rev. Miller is an Interfaith Minister, Ordained by the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine. He is the Chaplain at the Barron Center, and the program designer for 'Musical Chairs TM', an all-inclusive program specifically designed for folks in wheelchairs, hospital beds and other mobility assisted devices for the specific purpose of dancing and enjoying music. Laurence has facilitated Musical Chairs at the Barron Center and St Joseph's Residence & Rehab since 2012. Holistic in nature, Laurence's ministry focuses on the sense of 'Belonging and Invitation'. Laurence lives in Danvers Massachusetts with his husband John and their two Borzoi/Russian Wolfhounds, Betty and Fred. He teaches dance, Reiki, meditation and creates ceremony and ritual for weddings and all of life's Blessed Journeys.

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You are invited to sit quietly during the gathering music

Greetings & Announcements – Diane Eiker

Sounding the Singing Bowl

Prelude – Paul Benya

You are invited to light a candle of remembrance.

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Chalice

Glory be to the earth and the wind
Glory be to the sun and rain
Glory be to animals and children
and women and men
Glory be to our flame
which calls us together as one

***Hymn #110** *Come, Children of Tomorrow*

Covenant

This is our sacred promise:
To gather together in peace
To seek truth in love
To serve human need
So that all shall grow in harmony with the divine.
Our Covenant

Special Music – Myra Robinson

Sharing from the Heart (*Joys and Concerns*)

Prayer #123 *Spirit of Life*

Spirit of Life, come unto me;
Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion,
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea,
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close, wings set me free.
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Children's Story *Powwow Day* – Traci Sorell

***Hymn #314** *We Are Children of the Earth*

Prayer of Reconciliation

Message *Honoring Indigenous Peoples' Day*

– Welcome Lisa Sockabasin, Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness

The Work of This Church – Offertory

Share the Plate – Wabanaki Public Health & Wellness

***Song of Gratitude and Celebration**

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let faith and hope and love arise.
Let beauty, truth and good be sung,
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue. Amen.

***Extinguish the Chalice**

As we release this flame
From its faithful service today
We allow the spark in each of us to burn on;
To warm our compassion,
To fire our delight
To light our paths,
Today, tomorrow and always.

***Hymn #318** *We Would Be One*

Closing Words

Special Music

– Myra Robinson

Postlude

***Please stand, as you are comfortable.**

Thanks for making our worship possible:

Ushers – Pieter Whitemore & Niki Norman

Flowers – Donna Ravn

Coffee Hour – Al & Marilyn Stoesser-Casad

Hearing assistance devices and large-print hymnals are available. Please ask an usher.