

## UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

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April 7, 2024

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### **Ordination and Installation – April 7**

Join today at 3:00 PM as we celebrate Rev. Lori's ordination and installation as minister of UUCSB.

**UUCSB T-shirts:** See samples and order a UUCSB T-shirt today during coffee hour or scan for order form:



#### **Share the Plate – April – Discretionary Fund**

The discretionary fund provides limited assistance for those in our community with an immediate financial need. This month we will be supporting this fund.

*Please e-mail announcements to Brian in the church office ([uuchurch@zwi.net](mailto: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:**

#### **The Sacred and the Profane**

#### **Rev. Sue Gabrielson**

Rev. Sue Gabrielson is a beloved former pastor of UUCSB and the current minister at Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers Florida. She joins us on April 7 to lead our worship with a service about the sacred and the profane. After 20 years of ministry, Sue became and teacher and head of school at the Quaker School in Monteverde, Costa Rica before returning to ministry in Florida.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY – April 14**

#### **The One Thing**

#### **Rev. Lori Whittemore**

Next week's service, titled "The One Thing", is about considering the one thing we can individually do and the one thing we can do collectively to embrace this month's theme of Interdependence. We will highlight some of the work of Ministry of Faith in Action and Green Sanctuary 2030. There is a famous quote that circulates in UU material. I know I have shared it before. It is, "I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. I am only one, but still I am one." by Edward Everett Hale. Come ready to think about the one thing and talk about it in fellowship after service.

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*You are invited to please sit quietly during the gathering music*

**Greetings & Announcements** – Rev. Lori Whittemore

**Sounding the Singing Bowl**

**Prelude** – Paul Benya

*You are invited to light a candle of remembrance.*

**Words of Welcome** – Thich Nhat Hanh

**Lighting of the Chalice**

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*

**\*Hymn #338** *I Seek the Spirit of a Child*

**Greeting Your Neighbor**

**Story for All Ages** *Fredrick* – Leo Lionni

**Sing Children Out #413** *Go Now In Peace*

**Reading** *Welcome Morning* – Anne Sexton

**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.

**Reflective Hymn #1** *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door*  
*(remain seated)*

**Sermon** *The Sacred and the Profane*

– Rev. Sue Gabrielson

**The Work of This Church – Offertory**

**Share the Plate** – Maine Reentry Network

**\*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.

**Song** *Holy Now* – Peter Mayer

**\*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 #128** *For All That Is Our Life*

**Closing Words** – Richard Rohr

**Postlude** *(please remain seated)*

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

**Thanks for making our worship possible:**

Ushers – James Guillerault

Flowers – Niki Norman

Coffee Hour – no coffee hour today

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