

## UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

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April 21, 2024

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### **Pizza and Game Night – April 20**

Please come join us for an evening of games and fun! We will start with a Chalice Lighting and then move into some fun board game play! I will bring a variety of games for all ages, but please feel free to bring your own favorite games and favorite snacks to share too! We'll have pizza around 5, and then continue game playing! Please RSVP to [mcaminitio124@gmail.com](mailto:mcaminitio124@gmail.com) by Friday, April 19th at 5p and let me know how many slices of pizza you would like, so I will know how much pizza to order! (Please include any special dietary considerations too.) Donations to help offset the cost of food are welcome!

#### **Fellowship Luncheon – April 28**

Our annual pledge drive will begin immediately after morning worship with a pot luck lunch. Please sign up for the pot luck.

#### **Intergenerational Church Wide Cleanup – May 11**

Intergenerational Church wide clean-up at the Saco Transportation Center on Sat., May 11th from 9-11am with Rain Date of Sat., May 18th. Please wear your UUCSB T- shirt if you have one! All ages are encouraged to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Gloves & Bags will be provided. BYO water bottle and gloves for small hands if you have them. This event is organized by RE & MoFA.

#### **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:**

#### **We're in this Together: The Power of Love**

#### **Rev. Niki Norman**

Rev. Niki Norman is a community chaplain and interfaith minister in southern Maine. She graduated from and was ordained by the Chaplaincy Institute of Maine in 2020, where she currently serves as a board member. Rev Niki provides interfaith services each week for the residents of St Joseph's Rehab and Residence in Portland and was honored to be the Minister of the Week at Ferry Beach in the summer of 2021. Rev Niki is a member of the UUCSB and is deeply grateful for the support from the UUCSB community. She loves people, laughter, music, cats and poetry, in no particular order!

#### **NEXT SUNDAY – April 28**

#### **Soil Communion**

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

Next week we will celebrate soil communion as a ritual for earth day! Bringing together earth components from our homes and places that we love is the way that we acknowledge that our lives are interconnected with the earth. The earth that we walk on contains the life-giving elements that have been here since the dawn of time. We are from the earth and of the earth. In an act of unity and worship we mix our soils together to mark our reverence for the earth and acknowledge that interdependence. Please bring soil to church that has meaning for you!

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

**Greetings & Announcements** – Teague Cotton

## Sounding the Singing Bowl

**Prelude** Selection from *Clair de Lune* – Claude Debussy  
*You are invited to light a candle of remembrance.*

## Words of Welcome

**Special Music** *Sunrise* – Ellie

Rolnick

## 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*

## Greeting Your Neighbor

**\*Hymn #131** *Love Will Guide Us*

**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.

**Story for All Ages** *You're All Kinds of Wonderful*  
– Nancy Tilman

**\*Hymn #296** *O Ye Who Taste That Love Is Sweet*

## Reading

**Reflection** *Transformed: The Power of Love*  
– Rev. Niki Norman

## The Work of This Church – Offertory

*Tapestry* – Carole King  
**Share the Plate** – Discretionary Fund

## \*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 #325** *Love Makes a Bridge*

**Special Music** *You Are Loved* – Ellie Rolnick

## Closing Words

**Postlude** Selection from *Nola* – Felix Arndt

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

**Thanks for making our worship possible:**

Ushers – Donna Beveridge & Betsey Pace

Flowers –

Coffee Hour – Dorinne Spirito & Patrick Freeman

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