

UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

September 22, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Climate Justice Revival

Join us for the first ever Climate Justice Revival: September 28, 9-11 (facilitated dialogs and activities) and September 29, 10-12:30 (worship followed by UU the Vote postcard-writing action). Call, text or email Donna B: 294-2950, dbeveridge18@gmail.com or see her in the parish hall after the service.

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 – September – Seeds of Hope

Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center partners with our local communities and neighbors to find solutions to poverty and to promote personal growth. They have a drop-in center for folks experiencing homelessness. This month we will share half the loose plate collection with Seeds of Hope.

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:

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

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 – September 29

Climate Justice Revival

Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore

Next week we will energize ourselves for the climate justice revival. Join us as we commit to this important work through words and ritual. Ministry of Faith in Action has helped develop the service to inspire our community to rise to the charge. Remembering that climate justice is more than working on climate change, but also all the elements of participating in the commitment to causes outside our four walls, let us gather to renew and recommit!

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Greetings & Announcements – Jane Perkins

Sounding the Singing Bowl

Prelude – Paul Benya

You are invited to light a candle of remembrance.

Welcoming Words

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 #1046** *Shall We Gather at the River*

Greeting Your Neighbor

Special Music – Myra Robinson

Sharing from the Heart (*Joys and Concerns*)

Pastoral Prayer

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.

***Hymn #188** *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

Reading *Invitation* – Mary Oliver

Message *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

– Rev. Niki Norman

The Work of This Church – Offertory

Share the Plate – Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center

***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 #121** *We'll Build a Land*

Closing Words

Special Music – Myra Robinson

Conclusion

Postlude

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

Thanks for making our worship possible:

Ushers –

Flowers – Kelsey Holt & Matt Hokanson

Coffee Hour –

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