

UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

September 29, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Holiday Fair

This year's holiday fair will be on November 23rd.

Climate Justice Revival: UU the Vote Action Hour

Writing postcards is one way to make sure potential voters have timely and accurate information to make their vote count. Postcards can reach voters for whom we don't have phone numbers and/or cannot be reached through door-to-door canvassing.

Pick up a snack and join us in the Parlor right after today's service. Together we will send 100 postcards to potential voters in Mecklenburg, NC. All are welcome, no experience necessary!

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%.

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:

Climate Justice Revival **Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore**

Today 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!

NEXT SUNDAY – October 6 **With Open Ears** **Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore**

The theme for the month of October is Deep Listening and our time together will explore what it means to deepen our spirituality by opening our ear (and hearts and minds). Join us to contemplate what it means to listen to ourselves, others, our community and the world!

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Greetings & Announcements – Donna Ravn

Sounding the Singing Bowl

Prelude Video: *Hope in Us* – Joshua Long
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 #361** *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Greeting Your Neighbor

Choir *Oh Be Joyful*

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.

Time for All Ages *What Do You Do With a Problem?*
– Kobi Yamad

***Hymn #1064** *Blue Boat Home*

Reflection – Rev. Dr. Lorri Whittemore

The Work of This Church – Offertory

Share the Plate – Seeds of Hope Neighborhood Center

Choir *Keepers of the Earth*

– Joyce Foley, arr. Dwayne Harder; Niki Norman, accomp.

***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.

Prayers of the People and Planet

Ritual for Action

***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 #1028** *The Fire of Commitment*

Closing Words

Conclusion

Postlude Video: *We Will Rise Together* – Clif Hardin

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

Thanks for making our worship possible:

Ushers – Niki Norman & Pieter Whittemore

Flowers – Ellie Rollnick

Coffee Hour – Board of Trustees

Pianist – Ellie Rolnick

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