

UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

October 13, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Holiday Fair Meeting – October 13

We are going to have a meeting for the Holiday Fair on Sunday, October 13th after church. Anyone interested in working at the fair, doing crafts, baking or just finding out more about the fair please come. We need to decide a theme for the fair, then we will do sign-up sheets and posters. Any questions, please email Wendy Coleman - wendycoleman@maine.rr.com for more information.

Share the Plate – October – UUA Disaster Relief Fund

The scale of destruction in the wake of Hurricane Helene has been utterly devastating to many communities in the southeastern United States. Some Unitarian Universalist congregations have been seriously impacted and others are still trying to assess the damage. You can help support Unitarian Universalists and their communities as they recover from this storm by giving generously to the UUA's Disaster Relief Fund.

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:

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Rev. Niki Norman

What does *deep listening* mean, anyway? Join us as we explore this idea. 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 – October 20

The Sound of Spirituality

Rev. Todd Glacy

Rev. Todd Glacy currently describes himself as an "Enlightenment Advocate, Empowerment Educator, and an Instigator of Joy!" As a public speaker, musician, facilitator, mentor and minister he loves nothing more than sharing his passion and talents for bringing people together in creative community, and inspiring them to tune-in and reconnect with their truest and best selves in order to experience life with a greater sense of peace, purpose, happiness and well-being.

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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 #1007** *There's a River Flowin' in My Soul*

Greeting Your Neighbor

Choir

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.

Choir *The 23rd Psalm by Bobby McFerrin*
(#1038 in *Singing the Journey*)

Reading

Message *Do You Hear What I Hear?* – Rev. Niki Norman

The Work of This Church – Offertory

Share the Plate – UUA Disaster Relief 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 #1018** *Come and Go with Me*

Closing Words and Conclusion

Postlude

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

Thanks for making our worship possible:

Ushers –
Flowers –
Coffee Hour – Caring Committee
Children – Wendy Coleman

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