

UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

November 10, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UUCSB Safety Training – Nov 10

Sunday, November 10th immediately after the service there will be a brief safety training session with the Worship Committee. Stuff happens: choking, heart attacks, troubled souls and violent intentions. We know that more instances at houses of worship have occurred in the last several years and although we've reviewed this in the past we have updated information that we want to share with everyone.

Next week you will be emailed the Safety packet put together by the Board and the Worship Committee. We will review the most important points at this meeting, including a walk through so you can be aware of where emergency supplies are located and where to go whether we evacuate, lock down or shelter in place.

Share the Plate – November – Saco Food Pantry

The Saco Food Pantry opened its doors in 1982 as the Biddeford-Saco Council of Churches Food Pantry. It continued for many years as such, until the Council disbanded in 2002. At that time it incorporated and became the Saco Food Pantry, Inc. as a nonprofit organization with a tax-exempt status.

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:

Tikkum Olam

Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore

Next week's service is titled Tikkun Olam. Tikkun Olam is a Jewish phrase for repair of the world. It literally means to do something with the world that will not only fix any damage, but also improve upon it, preparing it to enter the ultimate state for which it was created. We need to repair the world so that its Creator is no longer hidden within, but shines through each thing in magnificent, harmonious beauty. That is where we will be next Sunday. We will be in a space, regardless of the outcome of this election, that our communities and country will need repair. We will spend time reflecting on how our spiritual journeys have prepared and do prepare us to engage in this work!

NEXT SUNDAY – November 17

All These Potholes!

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!

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Greetings & Announcements – Diane Eiker

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 #1017** *Building a New Way*

Greeting Your Neighbor

Choir *Meditation on Breathing* – Sarah Dan Jones

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.

Reading *on Tikkun Olan* – Rachel Naomi Remen

***Hymn #318** *We Would Be One*

Message *Tikkun Olam – Repair of the World*
– Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore

The Work of This Church – Offertory
Share the Plate – Saco Food Pantry

***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 #131** *Love Will Guide Us*

Closing Words

Choir *Filled with Loving Kindness* – trad. Buddhist Meditation
adpt. Mark W. Hayes; music, Ian W. Riddell

Benediction

Postlude

***Please stand, as you are comfortable.**
Thanks for making our worship possible:

Ushers – Pieter Whittemore & Niki Norman
Flowers –
Coffee Hour – Choir
Children – Wendy Crowell

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