

UU Church of Saco and Biddeford
Saco, Maine

March 30, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Luncheon – March 30

We are going to have our Fellowship Luncheon today right after church. A Fellowship Luncheon is a potluck luncheon where everyone brings a dish to share. It will be the start of our pledge drive. We will distribute pledge packets, which you can fill out and turn in then or drop them off at the office or give them to Wendy Coleman. It will also be a time of socialization and getting to know others at your table.

Share the Plate – March – MUUSAN

Mission Statement: MUUSAN gives voice to Unitarian Universalist values in the public arena through a statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in our faith and animated by its principles. MUUSAN is a faith-based advocacy organization working for justice in Maine.

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:

Special Music Hymn Sing

Ellie Rolnick

Ellie, Choir Members and Special Musicians lead us today in a 'Special Music Hymn Sing'. Hymns have been chosen from your requests. The choir will sing at least one of your favorites and we will share bits of knowledge about our church hymnody and the songs you choose. Along with the choir, our special musicians will help make this an extra special Hymn Sing service. Be ready to make a 'Joyful Noise' and enjoy the music that surrounds you!

NEXT SUNDAY – April 6

The Joy of Belonging

Rev. Dr. Lori Whittemore

Next week we will officially welcome 10 new members to our community with an added bonus of welcoming youth to service for a covenanting ritual. Our time together will be one of celebration! Relationships are the foundation of our community. What a gift to have people resonate with our principles and values, feel welcomed by our community, and want to enter into an ongoing relationship with us. In line with a recent message...Knowing what they know of us, and trusting in what they do not yet know, they choose to become part of our UUCSB family. Joy abounds!

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You are invited to please sit quietly during the gathering music

Greetings & Announcements – Brian Dustin

Sounding the Singing Bowl

Prelude – Paul Benya

You are invited to light a candle of remembrance.

Welcoming Words – Ellie Rolnick, Choir Director

***Hymn #346** *Come, Sing a Song with Me*

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

Choir *This is My Song*

Greeting Your Neighbor

Special Music 'Tis a Gift to be Simple – Myra Robinson

Sharing from the Heart (*Joys and Concerns*)

Prayer #1009 *Meditation on Breathing*

Reading

Message *Hymn Sing*

– Members of the UUCSB Pick Up Choir

***Hymn #21** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

***Hymn #169** *We Shall Overcome*

***Hymn #87** *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

***Hymn #305** *De Colores*

***Hymn #1021** *Lean on Me*

***Hymn #1031** *Filled with Loving Kindness*

***Hymn #6** *Just as Long as I Have Breath*

The Work of This Church – Offertory

Share the Plate – MUUSAN

***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 *Amazing Grace*

– Trevor Neitz

Postlude

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

Thanks for making our worship possible:

Ushers – Choir: Ben Parker & Randa Thomas

Flowers – Choir: Sonja Gerken

Coffee Hour – Fellowship Luncheon

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