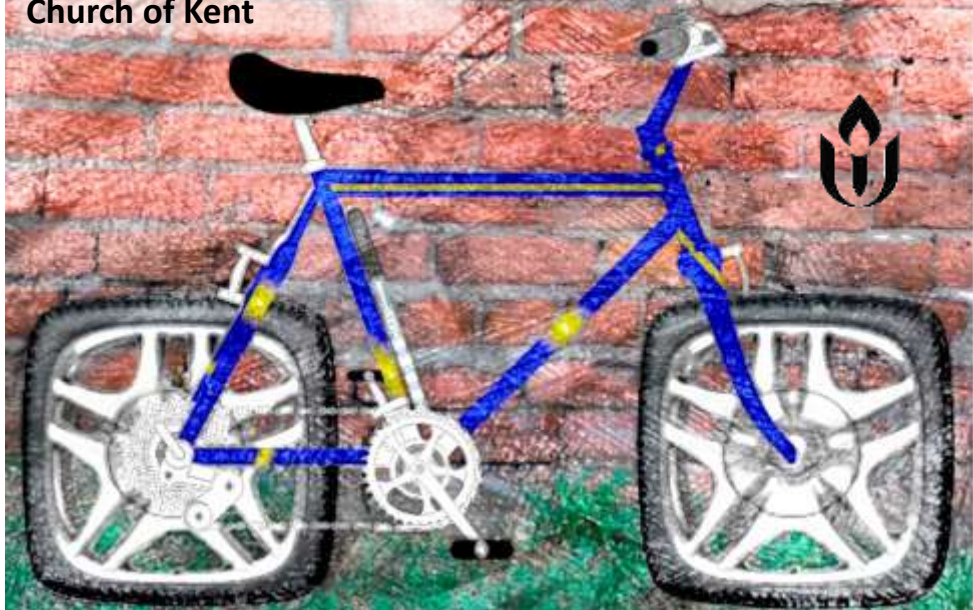


FAILURE'S GIFTS

March 29, 2015
Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer
Unitarian Universalist
Church of Kent



Failure's Gifts

Order of Service:

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** Please rise in body or in spirit*

Please see one of our greeters if you would like to use a set of headphones, a large-print order of service or hymnal

Music for Gathering Vanessa Vesely

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer

Chime and Chalice Lighting

Opening Music *Violin Sonata in D Major – Allegro*
by G. F. Handel
Vanessa Vesely and Shirley Kiernan

Call to Worship *Hassidic Advice*, by Robert Fulghum
from *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*
John Marfy, Worship Associate

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

*Unitarian Universalist Vision Statement

Our vitality and passion call us to restore and expand our space to equal the energy of our dreams. As we do, we are better equipped to carry on our historic legacy and embrace our potential for connection, service, programming and outreach.

*Doxology *Old Hundredth*

*From all that dwell below the skies, let songs of hope and faith arise;
let peace, good will on earth be sung, through every land by every tongue.*

Time for All Ages

1st service – So, What Exactly is a Unitarian Universalist Child Dedication?
Karen Lapidus, Director of Religious Education

2nd service – Dedication and Blessing of Harper Walton Fisette

Harper, we welcome you!

May you never unlearn your sweet gentleness.

May you win no victory which harms either yourself or another.

May you keep tame that which rages dangerous within us all.

May you ask for forgiveness openly, and grant it often.

May you respect yourself and envy none, remembering always who you are.

May you know good teachers all the days of your life, honoring their vision, walking forward in their name.

May you feel compassion for all living things and by your actions lessen the tides of human sorrow.

May you abide always in trust, resting in the Spirit of Life that embraces us all.

May you sing your heart's own song,
Knowing great joy,
Great peace,
And great love.
Amen.

Singing the Children Out

*You've got the light of Love inside you; Go on your way in peace
So, shine that light, this whole world now awaits you
Go on your way in peace (2x)
You know, we hold you, we hold you, yes, we hold you.*

Wisdom Words

For She Who is Being Tried
By MJ Abell, after Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 34:9-12
Adapted slightly for gender inclusion

Silence, Embracing Meditation, and Prayer

Musical Meditation

Violin Sonata in D Major – Largo
by G. F. Handel

Reflection

John Marfy

*Hymn of Affirmation

#128 *For All That is Our Life*

Sermon

The Gift of Failure
The Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer

Offering and Offertory

Thais Meditation
by J. Massenet

*Closing Words

#658 *To laugh is to risk ...*

*Closing Hymn

#6 *Just As Long As I Have Breath*

*Benediction

*The Sunday Flowers have been donated by
Jennifer and Theresa Walton-Fisette,
in honor of Harper's dedication.*



*Many thanks to Vanessa Vesely and Shirley Kiernan
for enhancing our Sunday experience with their musical talents.*

*Next Week: My Ears Awake, My Eyes Are Opened
Led by the Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer, Religious Education Director
Karen Lapidus, and Worship Associate Deb Biggins*

VISITORS - Welcome! We are glad you are here. Thank you for participating in worship with us today. We hope that you will find a spiritual home here and that you will be enriched in the liberal religious practice and heritage of Unitarian Universalism. The members of this church take pride in the fact that we embrace people of all races, ethnicities, ages, creeds, sexual orientations, and abilities. In addition, we are a “Welcoming Congregation,” which means that we have taken part in a special program, designed by the UUA, for congregations that see a need to become more inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender people. This congregation is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The principles and purposes of the UUA, which we “covenant to affirm and promote,” can be found in the front of the hymnal, on the UUA website (www.uua.org), and on bookmarks available in the front entryway.

We are concerned about everyone’s safety.

If we need to evacuate the building for a fire drill or for any other reason, please follow the directions of the worship leader. Parents and guardians should look for their children on the grassy area behind the annex and should not go to the classrooms. People with mobility concerns or other special needs should proceed to the Founders’ Lounge where evacuation assistance will be available.

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