

Ingathering Service: Invisible Threads



21 August 2016
Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service:

August 21, 2016

**** Please rise in body or in spirit***

*Please see one of our greeters if you would like
to use a large-print order of service*

Music for Gathering	Hal Walker, Music Director
Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer
Chime and Chalice Lighting	Colleen Thoele Religious Education Coordinator

We light this chalice because we are Unitarian Universalists.
This is the church of the open mind,
this is the church of the helping hands,
this is the church of the loving heart.

Opening Music	<i>We're All a Family Under One Sky</i> , by Ruth Pelham Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Family Choir
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Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn	Gathering of the Water and the Earth With A Mash Up of Hymns: <i>Come, Come, Whoever You Are</i> <i>Right Here, Right Now</i> <i>When Our Heart is in a Holy Place</i>
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*Unitarian Universalist Covenant	by James Vila Blake
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Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law.
This is our great covenant: to dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

*Doxology	<i>Old Hundredth</i>
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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.

Story for All Ages	an adaptation of <i>The Invisible String</i> by Patrice Karst Lily Rappaport, Director of Religious Education
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*Hymn of Affirmation	<i>#1023 Building Bridges</i>
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Wisdom Words	excerpted from <i>Remember</i> , by Joy Harjo
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Silence, Embracing Meditation, and Prayer

Musical Meditation

Community Improvisation

Blessing the Backpacks with inspiration from other Unitarian Universalist congregations and with gratitude for a blessing adapted from Karen G. Johnston

Congregational Response: Remember, we are your spirit's home.

Homily

Invisible Strings
Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer

Offering

This month's special collection will benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank in response to devastating flooding in Southern Louisiana. The mission of the Second Harvest Food Bank is to end hunger in South Louisiana by providing food access, advocacy, education, and disaster response. For more information, visit: <http://no-hunger.org/>

Please make checks payable to the UU Church of Kent with "Second Harvest" noted on the memo line or feel free to use a pew envelope marking the special collection box and including your name so we may credit you for the donation. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory

Water Cycles, by Hal Walker

*Closing Words

from William Schulz

We affirm that every one of us is held in Creation's hand –
a part of the interdependent cosmic web –
and hence strangers need not be enemies;
that no one is saved until we All are saved
where All means the whole of Creation.

*Closing Hymn

#1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Benediction

excerpted from *The Way It Is*
by William Stafford

*The Sunday flowers given by Claudia Miller
are in tribute to the love and dedication of my sister, Leslie Baker,
for her beloved Roy, who passed away on August 17th, 2016.*



*Next Week: Humanist Wisdom Today
Led by Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer and Worship Associate Becky Cline*

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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