

## A Service of Remembrance and Gratitude for the life of

John F. Jewett

April 10, 1931 - June 16, 2020

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Kent, Ohio

## Order of Service Saturday, July 11, 2020 2:00 pm

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Prelude Hal Walker
Music Director, the UU Church of Kent

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Words of Gathering Rev. Steven Protzman
Minister, the UU Church of Kent

Opening Hymn We Laugh, We Cry

Chalice Lighting

We come together to remind ourselves
To treat all people kindly
Because they are our brothers and sisters;
To take good care of the earth
Because it is our home;
To live lives full of goodness and love
Because that is how we will make our world

Chalice Lighting Hymn

The best place it can be.

Readings Lori McGee Worship Associate

Singing the Song of Life by Seneca

Spirit of Life

A Common Destiny by Frank Carleton Doan

The Life Story of John F. Jewett

Rev. Steven Protzman Lois Weir Vern Jewett

## **Sharing of Memories**

A time to share your memories and stories about John

A Visual Tribute to John's Life

Time of Silence and Reflection

Music Interlude In the Gloaming by Annie Fortescue Harrison and Meta Orred

Commendation

Extinguishing the Chalice and Lighting the Candle of Memory

Closing Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

Responsive Reading
Adapted from Roland B. Gittelsohn

The Gates of Prayer

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them. In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them. In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them. In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

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Postlude



## Singing the Song of Life by Seneca

Centuries ago the Roman philosopher Seneca wrote: —In the presence of death, we must continue to sing the song of life. We must be able to accept death and go from its presence better able to bear our burdens and to lighten the load of others. Out of our sorrows should come understanding.

Through our sorrows we join with all of those before us who have had to suffer and all of those who will yet have to do so. Let us not be gripped by the fear of death. If another day be added to our lives, let us joyfully receive it, but let us not anxiously depend on our tomorrows.

Though we grieve the deaths of our loved ones, we accept them and hold on to our memories as precious gifts. Let us make the best of our loved ones while they are with us, and let us not bury our love with death.

