



*All Creatures Great and Small*



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Rev. Steven Protzman  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

# **All Creatures Great and Small**

Order of Service

October 4, 2020

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Love all creation, the whole of it and every grain of sand  
Love every leaf, every ray of the light  
Love the animals, love the plants, love everything  
- Fyodor Dostoyevksy

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering Hal Walker, Music Director

Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude *Scrappy Cat*  
by Eric Noden, Guest Musician

Call to Worship Heidi Emhoff-Wood, Worship Associate

Opening Hymn *Morning Has Broken*

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 the best place it can be.

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn *We Give Thanks*

## **Reflecting**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Music Meditation Hal Walker

Time for All Ages *The Wolf of Gubbio*, an old folktale

Hymn of Praise *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky*  
verse 1, adapted

Reading excerpts from *Homer's Odyssey: A Fearless Feline Tale*  
by Gwen Cooper  
Heidi Emhoff-Wood

Reflection *All Creatures Great and Small*  
Rev. Steven Protzman

Community Song *Mole in the Ground*, adapted

### **The Animal Blessing**

A Moment of Remembrance

Reading *Little Dog's Rhapsody in the Night*  
by Mary Oliver

Animal Blessing

All: [Name of animal], may you live a long, happy, and blessed life—  
may there be food in your belly, a warm place to sleep and joy in your  
days. May you know you are loved and offer your love in return.

### **Returning**

Offering *Bird Song*  
by Eric Noden

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of  
community, or the fire of commitment. May we carry these in our hearts  
and minds until we are together again.

Closing Hymn *For the Earth Forever Turning*

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending (video) *Go On Your Way in Peace*  
by Hal Walker  
Golden Tones Junior Choir

Virtual Coffee Hour



*Next Sunday: We Can DUU It!*  
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Camille Pavlicek-Fausser

**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. This congregation is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association. 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. 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](http://www.uua.org)), and on bookmarks available in the front entryway.

**We are concerned for everyone's safety.** If we need to evacuate the building for a fire, a 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 entryway where evacuation assistance will be available.

**OUR SUNDAY SERVICE is offered at 10 AM via Zoom. Visit [kentuu.org](http://kentuu.org) for information to join the service.**

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