

A wooden sign with a black chalkboard center, surrounded by autumn leaves and pumpkins on a wooden plank background. The sign is tilted and features the text "SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR" written in white chalk. The background is a rustic wooden plank surface decorated with various autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow, along with several pumpkins and gourds. A small metal leaf-shaped ornament is visible at the bottom right of the sign.

SO MUCH TO BE
THANKFUL FOR

22 November 2020
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist
Church of Kent

So Much to be Thankful For

Order of Service

November 22, 2020

And on this day we hope for,
what we still can't see,
It's up to us, to be the change,
And even though we all can still do more,
There's so much to be thankful for.

-Richard James Page

Gathering

Music for Gathering	Hal Walker, Music Director
Welcome	Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister
Chime	
Prelude (video)	<i>Sonatina</i> in C Major: 2nd Movement by Muzio Clementi Benny Hovancsek
Call to Worship	Heidi Shaffer, Worship Associate
Opening Hymn	<i>For All That Is Our Life</i>
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	<i>We Give Thanks</i>
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Reflecting

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Music Meditation

Thankful
by David Foster
lyrics by C. Bayer Sager and R. Page

Readings

Twenty Five Reasons to be Thankful
video by Kid President

We Give Thanks
by Gary Kowalski

*Hymn of Gratitude

For the Beauty of the Earth

Reflection

So Much to Be Thankful For
Rev. Steven Protzman

Time for All Ages

The Gratitude Tree
adapted from a story by Stacey Peters
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Sharing our Gratitude

Please use the chat box to share something you're grateful for.

Musical Interlude

Johnny Appleseed Song
by Kim Gannon and Walter Kent
arr. H Walker
UUCK Peace Choir and Fallow Time Folk Orchestra

Responsive Reading (insert)

We Lift Up Our Hearts In Thanks
by Richard M. Fewkes

Returning

Offering

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 Song

Over the River and Through the Wood

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: Healing a Broken World
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), 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 for information to join the service.

Church Office: The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex (yellow house) next to the church building. Office hours are: Monday -Friday 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Responsive Reading

We Lift Up Our Hearts In Thanks

by Richard M. Fewkes

For the sun and the dawn which we did not create;

For the moon and the evening which we did not make;

For food which we plant but cannot grow;

For friends and loved ones we have not earned and cannot buy;

For this gathered company which welcomes us as we are,
from wherever we have come;

*For all our free churches that keep us human and encourage us
in our quest for beauty, truth, and love;*

For all things which come to us as gifts of being from sources beyond
ourselves;

*Gifts of life and love and friendship We lift up our hearts in thanks this
day.*