



# Find the Stillness



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Rev. Steven Protzman  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

# ***Find the Stillness***

Order of Service

December 13, 2020

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Let there be a season when holiness is heard, and the splendor of living is revealed. Stunned to stillness by beauty we remember who we are and why we are here.

-Rev. Rebecca Parker

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering Hal Walker, Music Director

Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude *Gaze at the Rain*  
Hal Walker

Call to Worship Diana Van Winkle, Worship Associate

Opening Hymn #1008 *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

Chalice Lighting adapted from Kathleen McTigue

Rev. Steven: Here in the refuge of this Sabbath home  
we turn our busy minds toward silence,  
and our full hearts toward one another.

*All: This is a holy place in which we gather –  
the light of the earth brought in and held,  
touched then by our answering light:*

Rev. Steven: the flame of a chalice,  
the flicker of a candle,

*All: the light of the earth brought in and held,  
touched then by our answering light.*

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn #362 *Rise Up, O Flame*

## **Reflecting**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Hymn of Community #1002 *Comfort Me*

Time For All Ages

*Seeing Clearly with Mindfulness Jars*  
adapted from Christopher Willard (Mindful.org)  
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Reflection

*Find the Stillness*  
Rev. Steven Protzman

Reflection Hymn

#352 *Find a Stillness*

Readings

excerpt from *Hush*  
by Rev. Sandra Fees

*Today*, by Mary Oliver

A Time of Stillness

Music Meditation (video)

*Appalachian Sunrise*  
by Joseph Martin  
Vanessa Vesely, Piano

Reading

*Beneath the Hustle and the Bustle*  
by Rev. Angela Herrera

A Time of Stillness

Hymn of Affirmation

#391 *Voice Still and Small*

### Returning

Offering

Hal Walker

Extinguishing Our 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

#86 *Blessed Spirit of My Life*

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: Come to the Stable*  
Led by Director of Religious Education Colleen Thoele and Sandy Eaglen

**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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