

The Space Between

Order of Service December 27, 2020

The first of January is another day dawning. Yet also we stand at a threshold, the new year something truly new, still unformed, leaving a stunning power in our hands.

-Kathleen McTigue

Gathering

Music for Gathering Hal Walker, Music Director

Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude Old Devil Time

by Pete Seeger Kevyn Breedon

Call to Worship Heidi Shaffer,

Worship Associate

Opening Hymn Morning Has Come

Reflecting

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Hymn of Community Comfort Me

Reading In Between Days: Liminal Space

by Danny Crosby

A Ritual of Saying Farewell to the Old Year

Music Meditation January Waltz
by Judi Morningstar

Tina Bergmann, Hammer Dulcimer

Chalice Lighting By Lois Van Leer

We light this chalice on the brink of a new year Letting go of what has been Open and hopeful for what may come Renewed, restored, ready To live Life fully anew May we move forward with intention.

Time for All Ages

The Old Year Meets the New

New Year's Hymn

The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

Reading

To the New Year by W. S. Merwin

Reflections on the Old Year and the New Year

Mike Hovancsek Kim Rivers Rev. Steven

Sharing Our Hopes for the New Year

Please use the chat box to share your hopes for 2021.

Responsive Reading

New Year's Dav by Kathleen McTigue

Returning

Offering Hal Walker

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

Auld Lang Syne

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending (video)

Go On Your Way in Peace

by Hal Walker

Golden Tones Junior Choir

Postlude

Joy to the World Tina Bergmann

Virtual Coffee Hour

Next Sunday: Letting All Lights Shine Led by Kathy Kerns and Randy Bish

Tina Bergmann's appearance is made possible by the Harry Noden Memorial Music Fund.

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

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