

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent
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Order of Service

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“The lights of the Hanukkah menorah that we kindle in our homes are a reminder both of the Menorah in the Temple in Jerusalem and the light that shines brightly within each one of us. For as it says in Proverbs 20:27: the candle of G_d is the soul of man.”

Libi Astaire

Music for Gathering	Hal Walker, Music Director
Welcome	Elaine Bowen, Worship Leader
Chime	
Prelude	<i>Dreidel Song</i> , a Hebrew Folk Song sung by Iona Packer and Eden Craver-Dean
Call to Worship	from <i>Hanukkah: Is It Really Jewish Christmas?</i> by Robert Schoen Lori Mirkin-McGee, Worship Leader
Opening Hymn	<i>Rock of Ages, Let Our Song</i>
Chalice Lighting	<i>The Nights of Midwinter</i> by Dawn Fortune
Covenant	
	Love is the Spirit of this church, and service its law. This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.
Covenant Response Hymn	<i>Spirit of Life</i>
Sharing our Joys and Concerns	Lori Mirkin-McGee
Silence and Pastoral Prayer	Elaine Bowen
Music Meditation	<i>Ocho Kandelikas</i> by Flory Jagoda, sung by Wendy Mann
Time for All Ages	<i>Hanukkah: A Counting Book</i> by Emily Sper English: Colemann Packer Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladina: Todd Packer

Musical Interlude	Untitled Collin Vodicka, Oboe and Hal Walker, Harmonica
Readings	<i>Hanukkah Blessings</i> Wendy and Lori Mirkin-McGee <i>The Miracle</i> by Philip M. Raskin Elaine Bowen
Hymn of Affirmation	<i>Light One Candle</i>
Reflection on Hanukkah	<i>An Interfaith Family</i> Lori Mirkin-McGee
Reflection on Hanukkah	UU Symbolism in the Candles of the Menorah Elaine Bowen
Offering	<i>Light These Lights</i> by Debbie Friedman Hal Walker
Responsive Reading (insert)	<i>Each Candle a Miracle</i> by Amanda Udis-Kessler
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	<i>Peace, Salaam, Shalom</i> By Emma's Revolution Hal Walker
Benediction	
Song of Blessing and Sending	<i>Go on Your Way in Peace</i> by Hal Walker Golden Tones Junior Choir
Virtual Coffee Hour	



Next Sunday: Find the Stillness
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Diana Van Winkle

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



Each Candle a Miracle

by Amanda Udis-Kessler

Leader: We light the Hanukkah candles in wonder, joy, and gratitude, each candle a miracle.

Response: When the Holy Temple was rededicated at the time of the Maccabean liberation battle, only one day's worth of oil remained, yet it burned for eight days so we light candles in remembrance.

Leader: We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of light in a season of darkness

Response: to the miracle of trust in a time of anxiety

Leader: to the miracle of hope in a time of despair

Response: to the miracle of faith in a time of cynicism.

Leader: We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of wholeness in a time of fracture

Response: to the miracle of courage in a time of fear

Leader: to the miracle of resistance in a time of oppression

Response: to the miracle of peace in a time of violence

All: and in a time of hatred we rededicate ourselves to the miracle of love.