

A NEW RISING FIRE



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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF KENT

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Order of Service

January 31, 2021

O where are you going? And what is your name?
My name, child, is Brigid and I carry a flame
to melt the old Winter and kindle the Spring,
to whisper her birth-name and teach her to sing.

-Simon Marshall

Gathering

Music for Gathering	Hal Walker, Music Director
Welcome	Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister
Chime	
Prelude	<i>Mother Earth, Beloved Garden</i> words and Music Amanda Udis-Kessler
Call to Worship	Lori Mirkin-McGee, Worship Associate
Opening Hymn	<i>Gather the Spirit</i>

Casting the Circle

Casting the Circle and Welcoming the Spirits

Elements Chant Creator unknown

Earth my body
Water my blood
Air my breath
Fire my spirit

Chalice Lighting by Eric Heller-Wagner

Blessed is the fire that burns deep in the soul.
It is the flame of the human spirit touched into
being by the mystery of life.
It is the fire of reason; the fire of compassion;
the fire of community; the fire of justice; the fire of faith.
It is the fire of love burning deep in the human heart;
The divine glow in every life.

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn *Rise Up, O Flame*

Invoking Brigid

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Time for All Ages Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Song *Brigid*, lyrics and melody by Damh the Bard
sung by Katie Grigg

Fire Meditation

Music Meditation *Lady of the Seasons' Laughter*
words: Kendyl Gibbons, music: David Hurd
Katie Grigg-Miller and Hal Walker

Sharing the Fire

Hymn of the Spirit *Rising Green*

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Brigid's Water Blessing

Returning

Offering *Blessing Song*
Ananda Marga School

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.

Opening the Circle and Releasing the Spirits

Closing Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*, adapted

Sung Benediction *Deep Peace*

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

Virtual Coffee Hour



Next Sunday, February 7, 2021

Now What?

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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