

The Fire of Commitment



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Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent*

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Order of Service

March 14, 2021

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

-Mary Katherine Morn and Jason Shelton

Gathering

Music for Gathering	Hal Walker, Music Director
Welcome	Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister
Chime	
Prelude	<i>Who We Are</i> , by Hal Walker Golden Tones Junior Choir
Call to Worship	Heidi Emhoff Wood, Worship Associate
Opening Hymn	<i>#347 Gather the Spirit</i>
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	<i>#362 Rise Up, O Flame</i>
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Reflecting

Testimonial	Benjamin and Debby Newberry
Hymn of Community	<i>#402 From You I Receive</i>
Holding One Another in Care and Compassion	<i>A time of sharing joys and concerns, silence and prayer</i>
Music Meditation	<i>Let the Spirit Be Your Guide</i> written and performed by Katie Grigg-Miller

An Introduction to The Fire of Commitment	Rev. Steven Protzman
Hymn	#1028 <i>The Fire of Commitment</i> vs. 1 and refrain
Time For All Ages	Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education
Hymn	#1028 <i>The Fire of Commitment</i> vs. 2 and refrain
Reading	<i>Caged Bird</i> , by Maya Angelou
Part II	A Song Both Brave and Free Rev. Steven Protzman
Hymn	#1028 <i>The Fire of Commitment</i> vs. 3 and refrain
Reading	<i>Letter to the People of the Future</i> by Rev. John Cummins
Part III	<i>A Deeper Justice</i> Evian Rome

Returning

Offering	<i>We Shall Be Known</i> by MaMuse
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	#1028 <i>The Fire of Commitment</i>
Benediction	
Song of Blessing and Sending (video)	<i>Go On Your Way in Peace</i> by Hal Walker Golden Tones Junior Choir
Virtual Coffee	



Next Sunday, March 21, 2021

We Are One

Led by CLM Lori Mirkin-McGee and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

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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