

# Where Do We Come From? Where Are We Going?

Order of Service March 7, 2021

My eyes already touch the sunny hill going far ahead of the road that I have begun.

So we are grasped by what we cannot grasp; It has its inner light, even from a distance - And changes us, even if we do not reach it, into something else, which, hardly sensing, we already are; but what we feel is the wind in our faces.

-Rainer Marie Rilke

# Gathering

Music for Gathering Hal Walker, Music Director

Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude Where Do We Come From

words by Paul Gaugin and Brian Tate, music by Brian Tate

Hal Walker

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #1000 Morning Has Come

Chalice Lighting and Congregational Covenant

We affirm that each life has brilliance and, when joined with others in joyful community, has the power to transform.

We pledge ourselves and our resources to this journey.

This covenant inspires and challenges us

to dwell together in right relationship.

We promise to extend hospitality, nurture community for all ages, encourage spiritual growth, honor diversity, and practice kindness.

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn

#1010 We Give Thanks

# Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of sharing joys and concerns, silence and prayer

Music Meditation Hal Walker

Time for All Ages Colleen Thoele,

Director of Religious Education

Reflection The Power of Our Stories

Rev. Steven Protzman

Hymn of Community #131 Love Will Guide Us

Stories and Testimonials The Brannan Family

Randy and Mary Leeson Christopher Dum

Affirming #402 From You I Receive

Reflection Imagine the Places We'll Go
Rev. Steven Protzman

# Returning

Offering

Light at the End of the Tunnel
by Hal Walker, Ted Voneida, and Margot Milcetich

# 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 (insert)

Life Calls Us On

by Jason Shelton

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, March 14, 2021

The Fire of Commitment Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Heidi Emhoff Wood 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.

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# Life Calls Us On

by Jason Shelton

Here in rev'rence now we gather For the blessings we have known, With a pledge to one another That we journey not alone. Joy and sorrow make us wise, Kin to all that lives and dies; Love calls us on, Love calls us on.

Words and deeds of those before us Waken here to keep us strong; Blend our voices in the chorus Of creation's living song. Courage bids us lift our eyes Upward to the shining skies; Hope calls us on; Hope calls us on.

Loyal guides in love and duty
Lead us with a trusted light;
Blest are they whose inward beauty
Shows the path of truth and right.
Honor is their earthly prize;
By their work we realize;
Faith calls us on; Faith calls us on.

We have shared a radiant hour When the truth has made us free; And the spirit's gracious power Dreamed of good that yet shall be. Bright the path before us lies Joyful pilgrims now we rise; Life calls us on; Life calls us on!