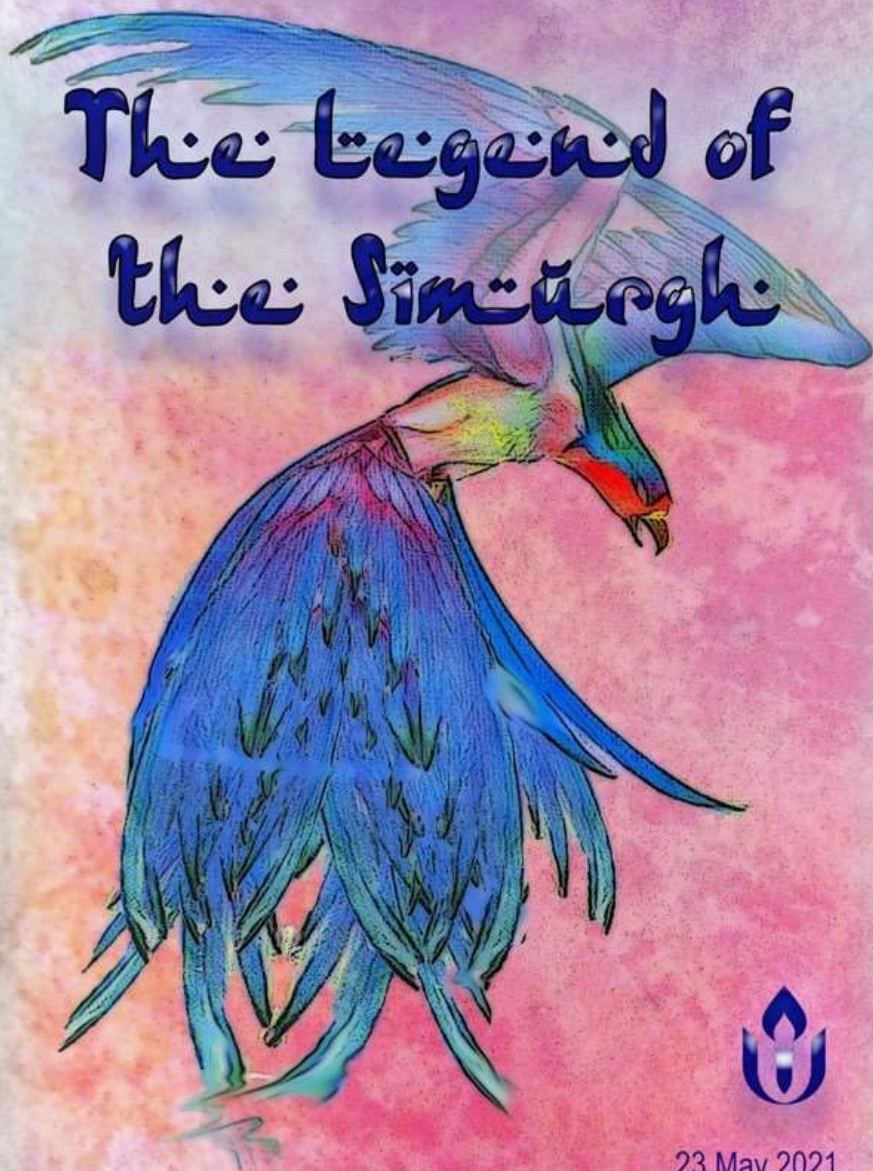


The Legend of the Simurgh



23 May 2021
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

The Legend of the Simurgh

Order of Service

May 23, 2021

The ocean can be yours; why should you stop
Beguiled by dreams of evanescent dew?
The secrets of the sun are yours, but you
Content yourself with motes trapped in beams.

— Sufi poet Farid ud-Din Attar

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Hal Walker,
Music Director

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman,
Minister

Chime

Prelude

House of Memory and Hope
by Hal Walker

Call to Worship

Elaine Bowen,
Worship Associate

Opening Hymn (insert)

Ours is a Simple Faith
by David Tamulevich

Chalice Lighting

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

#188 *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence
Sharing our sorrows and concerns
Pastoral prayer
Sharing our joys

Music Meditation

Postludium, by Erno Dohnanyi
Vanessa Vesely, Accompanist

Time For All Ages (video)

The Simurgh Story, adapted
narrated by Rev. Elaine Aron-Tenbrink
artwork by Steve Sedam and Gale Whitman (Foothills UU Church)

Reading

Caution Church Ahead
by Rev. Victoria Safford

Hymn of Community

#1028 *The Fire of Commitment*

Sermon

The Legend of the Simurgh
Rev. Steven Protzman

Returning

Offering

Step by Step
written and sung by Katie Grigg

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)

We Shall Be Known, by MaMuse

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, May 23, 2021
Where Memory Presses Green Land
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Rev. Cynthia Landrum

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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Ours is a Simple Faith

by David Tamulevich

Chorus: Ours is a simple faith
Life is a short embrace
Heaven is in this place every day
Hope is the ground we till.
Make each day what you will.
Thankful for dreams fulfilled. every day.

There is no Hell to fear. No judgment day drawing near.
Trust that inner voice you hear, every day...
Life's not a goal or race. It's about heart and faith,
And living a life of grace, every day.

Chorus

Trust is an open hand, making an honest stand.
Rooted in the land, every day...
Live in the mystery, seeking the harmony,
Here between you and me, every day.

Chorus

#188 Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.

#1028 The Fire of Commitment

From the light of days remembered
burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits
into faith set free from fear

Refrain:

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.

From the stories of our living
rings a song both brave and free
Calling pilgrims still to witness
to the life of liberty

Refrain

From the dreams of youthful vision
comes a new, prophetic voice
Which demands a deeper justice
built by our courageous choice

Refrain

We Shall Be Known

by MaMuse

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love

(Repeat)