

Radical Acceptance

YOUR WAY

MY WAY

THE HIGHWAY

THE OTHER WAY

11 July 2021

Randy Bish

Heidi Shaffer Bish

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



Radical Acceptance Encourages Spiritual Growth

Order of Service

July 18, 2021

"Is there a greater miracle than to see through another's eyes, even for an instant?"

- Thoreau

Music for Gathering

Hal Walker, Music Director

Welcome

Randy Bish, Worship Leader

Chime

Chalice Lighting

by Randy Bish

Opening Music (video)

Stronger Together
Vanessa Vesely, Blaine Vesely, and Hal Walker

Call to Worship

Heidi Shaffer Bish, Worship Leader

Opening Song

#360 *Here We Have Gathered*

Our Church Covenant

adopted May 11, 2008

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.

Response Hymn

#123 *Spirit of Life*

Time for All Ages

Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Sharing Concerns

Moment of Reflection

Pastoral Prayer - Randy Bish

Sharing Joys

Music Meditation (video)

Be Kind
David Bon, Katie Grigg-Miller,
Vanessa Vesely, and Hal Walker

Reading

Radical Acceptance: Embracing Your Life with the Heart of a Buddha
by Tara Brach
Heidi Shaffer Bish

A Conversation with Randy and Heidi

Reading

I Want to Be with People
By Rev. Dana E Worsnop

Offering

Offertory

Let the Way of the Heart
by Breathing Room
Margot Milcetic, Mike Curtis, Joe Culley, with Hal Walker

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 Song (video)

Just as You Are
Lea Morris and Hal Walker

Benediction

Randy Bish

Song of Blessing and Sending

Go On Your Way in Peace
by Hal Walker
Golden Tones Junior Choir

Virtual Coffee Hour



Next Sunday, July 25, 2021
A Global Ethic

Led by Kathy Kerns and Worship Associate Lori Mirkin-McGee

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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#360 *Here We Have Gathered*

Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;
circle of kinship, come and step inside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word;
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Here we have gathered, called to celebrate
days of our lifetime, matters small and great:
we of all ages, women, children, men,
infants and sages, sharing what we can.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret:
but in the shadows, let us not forget:
we who now gather know each other's pain;
kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain.
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

#123 *Spirit of Life*

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.