

# *From Many Sources*

*Part 1*



8 August 2021  
Rev. Steven Protzman  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

# ***From Many Sources: Part I***

Order of Service

August 8, 2021

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Holy the mystery; holy the journey;  
Summoning duty, touch of compassion, keeper of song and flame;  
Struggle and silence, praise and thanksgiving,  
Truth beyond every name.

-Rev. Dr. Kendyl Gibbons

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Hal Walker, Music Director

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Mystery*, by Jeremy Geffen  
arr. Jim Scott, performed by Katie Grigg-Miller

Call to Worship

Elaine Bowen, Worship Associate

Opening Hymn

#1000 *Morning Has Come*

Chalice Lighting (responsive reading)

Leader: The Living Tradition we share draws from many sources.

All: *The Spirit uses many different ways to teach us to live with meaning and purpose.*

Leader: Ours is a faith of diverse beliefs; there is no one truth or creed.

All: *We believe each person is free to seek their own truth and that wisdom is found in many different ways.*

Leader: As a symbol of our search for truth and meaning, we light this flame.

All: *May it burn brightly to guide us on our journey.*

Response Hymn

#1008 *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

## **Reflecting**

*The First Source: Transcending Mystery and Wonder*

Responsive Reading

*The Oversoul*  
by Ralph Waldo Emerson

A Time of Stillness

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

*Sharing our sorrows, prayer, and sharing joys*

Music Meditation

*Instrumental Reflection*, Hal Walker

*The Second Source: Words and Deeds of Prophetic People*

Reading

*The Second Source*, by Rev. Kendyl Gibbons

Conversation

Please use the chat box to name a person who inspires you and challenges you to work for justice and peace.

Reflection Hymn

#67 *We Sing Now Together*

*The Sixth Source: Spiritual Teachings of Earth Centered Traditions*

Time For All Ages

*What do Microbes and Planets Teach us about Spirituality?*  
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

### **Returning**

Offering

*Swimming to the Other Side*, by Pat Humphries  
performed by Emma's Revolution

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

#1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending

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

Virtual Coffee Hour



*Next Sunday, August 15, 2021*  
*Who are UUs: Remembering, Identity, and Community*  
*Led by Melissa Jeter 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](http://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](http://kentuu.org) for information to join the service.**

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## **#1000 Morning Has Come**

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!  
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!  
The light of hope here shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.  
Wonder fills this moment shared together.  
The light of love here shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;  
open hearts to welcome it among us.  
The light of peace here shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

## **#1008 When Our Heart is in a Holy Place**

Chorus: When our heart is in a holy place,  
When our heart is in a holy place  
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,  
When our heart is in a holy place

When we trust the wisdom in each of us,  
Ev'ry color ev'ry creed and kind,  
And we see our faces in each other's eyes,  
Then our heart is in a holy place.

(Chorus)

When we tell our story from deep inside,  
And we listen with a loving mind,  
And we hear our voices in each other's words,  
Then our heart is in a holy place.

(Chorus)

When we share the silence of sacred space,  
And the God of our Heart stirs within,  
And we feel the power of each other's faith,  
Then our heart is in a holy place.

(Chorus)

Responsive Reading  
***The Oversoul***  
by Ralph Waldo Emerson

Leader: Let us learn the revelation of all nature and thought; that the Highest dwells within us, that the sources of nature are in our own minds.

*All: As there is no screen or ceiling between our heads and the infinite heavens, so there is no bar or wall in the soul where we, the effect, cease, and God, the cause, begins.*

Leader: I am constrained every moment to acknowledge a higher origin for events than the will I call mine.

*All: There is deep power in which we exist and whose beatitude is accessible to us.*

Leader: Every moment when the individual feels invaded by it is memorable.

*All: It comes to the lowly and simple; it comes to whosoever will put off what is foreign and proud; it comes as insight; it comes as serenity and grandeur.*

Leader: The soul's health consists in the fullness of its reception.

*All: For ever and ever the influx of this better and more universal self is new and unsearchable.*

Leader: Within us is the soul of the whole; the wise silence, the universal beauty, to which every part and particle is equally related; the eternal One.

*All: When it breaks through our intellect, it is genius; when it breathes through our will, it is virtue; when it flows through our affections, it is love.*

**#67 We Sing Now Together**

We sing now together our song of thanksgiving,  
rejoicing in goods which the ages have wrought,  
for Life that enfolds us, and helps and heals and holds us,  
and leads beyond the goals which our forebears once sought.

We sing of the freedoms which martyrs and heroes  
have won by their labor, their sorrow, their pain;  
the oppressed befriending, our ampler hopes defending,  
their death becomes a triumph, they died not in vain.

We sing of the prophets, the teachers, the dreamers,  
designers, creators, and workers, and seers;  
our own lives expanding, our gratitude commanding,  
their deeds have made immortal their days and their years.

We sing of community now in the making  
in every far continent, region, and land;  
with those of all races, all times and names and places,  
we pledge ourselves in covenant firmly to stand.

### **#1064 *Blue Boat Home***

Though below me, I feel no motion  
standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from the rolling ocean  
still my dry land heart can say:  
I've been sailing all my life now,  
never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel  
and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder  
as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder,  
casting questions into the deep.  
Drifting here with my ship's companions,  
all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the heavens  
in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves upholding me,  
hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me,  
sing the sky my sailor's song;  
I was born upon the fathoms,  
never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel  
and the earth is my blue boat home.