

A Never Ending Story



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Unitarian Universalist
Church of Kent

A Never Ending Story

Order of Service

September 12, 2021

Reach the stars, fly a fantasy
Dream a dream and what you see will be

—from the title song of *A Never Ending Story*

Gathering and Preparing

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Who We Are, by Hal Walker
Golden Tones Junior Choir

Call to Adventure

Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Opening Hymn

#1010 *We Give Thanks*

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice because we are Unitarian Universalists.
This is the church of the open mind.
This is the church of the helping hands.
This is the church of the loving heart.
This is the church that cares for the earth and each other.

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn

#118 *This Little Light of Mine*

Blessing our Guides for the Adventure

We bless our RE teachers as the new year begins.

A Blessing for the Adventure

*We bless backpacks, purses, wallets,
and any bag that accompanies us.*

The Adventure

Song of Beginning

#346 *Come Sing a Song With Me*
Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

And Away We Go

Crossing the Water of Woe or the Desert of Despair

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

*A time of silence, sharing sorrows and losses, pastoral prayer,
and sharing joys*

Music Meditation

Blessing Song, unknown composer
Hal Walker

The Griffin's Riddle

Story by the Fire

Hymn of Courage

#368 *Now Let Us Sing*

Battling the Nothing

The Story Goes On

Returning

Offering

The Limpid Stream, Gigue excerpt from Partita No. 1
by Friedrich Burgmuller and J.S. Bach
Benny Hovancsek, piano

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
First Unitarian Church of Baltimore

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending

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

Virtual Coffee Hour



Next Sunday, September 19, 2021

Not a Clue and . . .

Led by Rev. Steven Protzman 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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We Give Thanks

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,
For all gather'd here, and those far away;
For this time we share with love and care,
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day. (Repeat)

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Come, Sing a Song With Me

Come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
that I might know your mind.

Refrain: And I'll bring you hope,
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
that I might know your mind.

Refrain

Come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
that I might know your mind.

Refrain

Come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
that I might know your mind.

Refrain

Now Let Us Sing

Now let us sing, sing, sing, sing.
Now let us sing, sing, sing, sing.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Sing to the power of the faith within.

Now let us sing, sing, sing, sing.
Now let us sing, sing, sing, sing.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Sing to the power of the hope within.

Now let us sing, sing, sing, sing.
Now let us sing, sing, sing, sing.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Sing to the power of the love within.

Now let us sing, sing, sing, sing.
Now let us sing, sing, sing, sing.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
Sing to the power of the joy within.

Life Calls Us On

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!