



A Vision of
Ministry
Clear



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Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

September 26, 2021

Ministry is a quality of relationship between and among human beings that beckons forth hidden possibilities. It is inviting people into deeper, more constant, more reverent relationship with the world and with one another.

—Rev. Gordon McKeeman

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Our World is One World
By Cecily Taylor; performed by Lea Morris

Call to Worship

Lori Mirkin-McGee, Worship Associate

Opening Hymn

#1028 *The Fire of Commitment*

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.

Response Hymn

#362 *Rise Up, O Flame*

Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation

Gymnopedie No. 1 by Erik Satie
Vanessa Vesely, Piano

Time For All Ages *Maybe Something Beautiful*
By F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell; illustrated by Rafael Lopez
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Reading *A Church is People*
by Janet H. Bowering

Hymn of Community #298 *Wake, Now, My Senses*

Our Vision of Ministry
*A presentation from the Hobbs Hall Construction Team
about the many exciting opportunities that await.*

Hymn of Affirmation #402 *From You I Receive*

The Commissioning Rev. Christie Anderson
*We commission and celebrate Rev. Christie
as an Affiliated Community Minister.*

Returning

Offering *Light at the End of the Tunnel*
By 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 Hymn *We Shall Be Known*
by MaMuse

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending *Go On Your Way in Peace*
by Hal Walker
Golden Tones Junior Choir

Virtual Coffee Hour



*Next Sunday, October 3, 2021
Among the Wild Things
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman with
Worship Associate Rev. Christie Anderson*

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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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

Rise Up, O Flame

Rise up, O flame,
by thy light glowing,
show to us beauty, vision and joy.

Wake, Now, My Senses

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
Feel the deep power of being in all;
Keep, with the web of creation your vow,
Giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now my reason, reach out to the new;
Join with each pilgrim who quests for the true
Honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
Suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
Voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
Take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
Praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide
Join with all people whose rights are denied;
Take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
Brighten my pathway with radiance here;
Mingle my calling with all who will share;
Work toward a planet transformed by our care.

From You I Receive

From you I receive, to you I give.
Together we share, and from this we live.

We Shall Be Known

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)

