

AND BY UNION



5 SEPTEMBER 2021
REV. STEVEN PROTZMAN
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF KENT

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Order of Service

September 5, 2021

Work is about a search for daily meaning as well as daily bread, for recognition as well as cash, for astonishment rather than torpor; in short, for a sort of life rather than a Monday through Friday sort of dying.

—Studs Terkel

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Bright Morning Stars Are Rising
American Folk Song
adapted and sung by Katie Grigg-Miller

Call to Worship

Andrew Rome, Worship Associate

Opening Hymn

#128 *For All That Is Our Life*

Chalice Lighting

by Florence Caplow

In recognition of Labor Day, we light this flame to honor all work,
Including the work of our hands and our backs,
in gratitude for all the labors that support our world, and
for all those who boldly continue the work of justice, equity, and peace.

Response Hymn

#378 *Let Those Who Live in Every Land*

Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation

Appalachian Sunrise
by Joseph Martin
Vanessa Vesely

Time For All Ages

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type
by Doreen Cronin

Readings

excerpt from *Freedoms Plow*
by Langston Hughes

The Parable of the Vineyard
from the Gospel of Matthew

Reflection Hymn (video)

#157 *Step by Step*
First Unitarian Church of Baltimore

Labor Day Reflections

Rev. Steven Protzman
Don Gregg
Jennifer Gregg

Conversation

Questions: What was your first job or your favorite job?
If you haven't had a job yet, what sounds fun to do?

Returning

Offering

Stronger Together, by Hal Walker
sung by Hal Walker, Blaine Vesely, and Vanessa Vesely

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

#298 *Wake Now, My Senses*

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending

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

Virtual Coffee Hour

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Next Sunday, September 12, 2021
A Never Ending Story

Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and DRE Colleen Thoele

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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For All that is Our Life

For all that is our life
we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift
which we are called to use
To build the common good
and make our own days glad.

For needs which others serve,
for services we give,
for work and its rewards,
for hours of rest and love;
we come with praise and thanks
for all that is our life.

For sorrow we must bear,
for failures, pain, and loss,
for each new thing we learn,
for fearful hours that pass:
we come with praise and thanks
for all that is our life.

For all that is our life
we sing our thanks and praise;
for all life is a gift
which we are called to use
To build the common good
and make our own days glad.

Let Those Who Live in Every Land

Let those who live in every land
declare that fear and war are done—
joined by the labor of their hands,
in love and understanding, one.

Step by Step

Step by step the longest march
can be won, can be won.
Many stones can form an arch
singly none, singly none.
And by union what we will
can be accomplished still;
drops of water turn a mill,
singly none, singly none.

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.