

# Come Out, Come In



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Order of Service

October 10, 2021

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We are “allied” with no one and with nothing but love--the larger Love transcending all our understanding, within which all the different, differing, gorgeously various, variant, beautifully deviant aspects of ourselves are bound in elegant unity.

Rev. Victoria Safford

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Ginny Horvath, Worship Associate  
Member, Welcoming Congregations Renewal Team

Chime

Prelude

*Praylude*, by Brad Bolton

Call to Worship

*Wholeness*, by Sharon Wylie  
read by Kat Holtz  
Member, Welcoming Congregations Renewal Team

Opening Hymn

*#170 We Are a Gentle, Angry People*

Opening Reflection

Ginny Horvath

Chalice Lighting

adapted from *Until All Means All*  
by Erika Hewitt

The chalice, as a symbol of Unitarian Universalism, arose as a sign of promise that anyone who is marginalized will not be forgotten nor ignored, especially LGBTQIA+ people, because you are whole, beloved and precious from the perspective of the Holy.

As we light our chalice, may it be a symbol of our promise to draw the circle wide; a sign that we will not rest until “all” means all.

Response Hymn

*#307 The Human Touch Can Light the Flame*  
(set to #34)

## **Reflecting**

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation *Love is the Message*  
by Hal Walker

Reflection Vivien Sandlund  
Member, Welcoming Congregations Renewal Team

Time for All Ages *Introducing Teddy*  
by Jessica Walton  
read by Kat Holtz

Family Conversation Eden Craver-Dean and Erin Craver-Dean  
Member, Welcoming Congregations Renewal Team

Congregational Conversation

Question: What words or phrases do you proudly use to describe a part of your identity?

Hymn of Community #1053 *How Could Anyone*

Responsive Reading (insert) *We Answer the Call of Love*  
Julia Corbett-Heyemer

### Returning

Offering *Lavender*  
by Kevyn Breedon

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 *Answering the Call of Love*

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 17, 2021  
*I Got My Hogwarts Letter*  
Led by the Professors of KentHogwarts

**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.**

**Church Office:** The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex (yellow house) next to the church building.

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## **We Are a Gentle, Angry People**

We are a gentle, angry people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.  
We are a gentle, angry people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a justice-seeking people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.  
We are a justice-seeking people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are young and old together,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.  
We are young and old together,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a land of many colors,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.  
We are a land of many colors,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are gay and straight together,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.  
We are gay and straight together,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a gentle, loving people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.  
We are a gentle, loving people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.

## **The Human Touch Can Light the Flame**

The human touch can light the flame  
which gives a brightness to the day,  
the spirit uses mortal flame,  
life's vehicle for work and play.

The lover's kiss, the friend's embrace,  
the clasp of hands to show we care,  
the light of welcome on the face  
are treasured moments all can share.

May all who come within our reach  
be kindled by our inner glow,  
not just in spirit's words we preach,  
in human touch love's faith we show.

## **How Could Anyone**

How could anyone ever tell you  
you were anything less than beautiful?  
How could anyone ever tell you  
you were less than whole?  
How could anyone fail to notice  
that your loving is a miracle?  
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

Responsive Reading  
**We Answer the Call of Love**  
by Julia Corbett-Hemeyer

In the face of hate,  
*We answer the call of love.*

In the face of exclusion,  
*We answer the call of inclusion.*

In the face of homophobia,  
*We answer the call of LGBTQ rights.*

In the face of racism,  
*We answer the call of justice for all races.*

In the face of xenophobia,  
*We answer the call of pluralism.*

In the face of misogyny,  
*We answer the call of women's rights.*

In the face of demagoguery,  
*We answer the call of reason.*

In the face of religious intolerance,  
*We answer the call of diversity.*

In the face of narrow nationalism,  
*We answer the call of global community.*

In the face of bigotry,  
*We answer the call of open-mindedness.*

In the face of despair,  
*We answer the call of hope.*

As Unitarian Universalists, we answer the call of love —  
*now more than ever.*

**Answering the Call of Love**  
(Set to #1014 Standing on the Side of Love)

The promise of the Spirit:  
faith, hope and love abide.  
And so ev'ry soul is blessed and made whole;  
the truth in our hearts is our guide.

Refrain: We are answering the call of love:  
hands joined together as hearts beat as one.  
Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim  
we are answering the call of love.

Sometimes we build a barrier  
to keep love tightly bound.  
Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear,  
denying the beauty we've found.

Refrain

A bright new day is dawning  
when love will not divide.  
Reflections of grace in ev'ry embrace,  
fulfilling the vision divine.

Refrain