



Among the Wild Things

3 October 2021

Rev. Steven Protzman

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



Among the Wild Things

Order of Service

October 3, 2021

Love all creation
The whole of it and every grain of sand
Love every leaf, every ray of the light
Love the animals, love the plants, love everything

—Fyodor Dostoyevksy

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

excerpt from *The Waltzing Cat*
by Leroy Anderson
Vanessa Vesely, Interim Music Manager

Call to Worship

Rev. Christie Anderson, Worship Associate

Opening Hymn

#38 Morning Has Broken

Chalice Lighting

We come together to remind ourselves to treat all people kindly
Because they are our brothers and sisters;
To take good care of the earth because it is our home;
To live lives full of goodness and love
Because that is how we will make our world the best place it can be.

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn

#1010 We Give Thanks

Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation

Improvisation Banjo and Harmonica
by Hal Walker

Time for All Ages

Where the Wild Things Are
by Maurice Sendak

Hymn of Celebration (insert) *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky*
1 verse, adapted

Reading *The Canticle of St. Francis*, adapted
from Paul Winter

Reflection *Among the Wild Things*
Rev. Steven Protzman

The Animal Blessing

Community Song (insert) *Mole in the Ground*, adapted
traditional American folk song

A Moment of Remembrance

Reading *Little Dog's Rhapsody in the Night*
by Mary Oliver

Unison Animal Blessing

All: [Name of animal], may you live a long, happy, and blessed life—
may there be food in your belly, a warm place to sleep and joy in
your days. May you know you are loved and offer your love in
return.

Returning

Offering *The Earth is our Mother*
by Hal Walker and Katie Grigg

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 #163 *For the Earth Forever Turning*

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 10, 2021
Come Out, Come In
Led by the Welcoming Congregation Renewal Team

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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Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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)

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky Adapted

All creatures of the earth and sky,
come, kindred, lift your voices high,
Alleluia, Alleluia!
All animals that swim and leap,
prowl, fly, slither, crawl, and creep,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Mole in the Ground

Wish I was a mole in the ground
Wish I was a mole in the ground
Mole in the ground, I'd root that mountain down
Wish I was a mole in the ground.

Wish I was a bat in the cavern
Wish I was a bat in the cavern
A bat in the cavern, it's better than a tavern
If I was a bat in the cavern.

Wish I was a platypus in the river
Wish I was a platypus in the river
A platypus in the river, I'd have some fish for dinner
If I was a platypus in the river.

Wish I was an monkey in a tree
Wish I was an monkey in a tree
A monkey in a tree, I'd feel happy and feel free
If I was a monkey in a tree.

Wish I was a tiger on the prowl
Wish I was a tiger on the prowl
A tiger on the prowl, I'd roar real loud and growl
If I was a tiger on the prowl.

Wish I was an eagle in the sky
Wish I was an eagle in the sky
An eagle in the sky, I'd soar and fly real high
If I was an eagle in the sky.

Wish I was a Unitarian Universalist
Wish I was a Unitarian Universalist
If I was a UU, I'd love animals and all life too,
If I was a Unitarian Universalist.

Unison Animal Blessing

All: [Name of animal], may you live a long, happy, and blessed life— may there be food in your belly, a warm place to sleep and joy in your days. May you know you are loved and offer your love in return.

For the Earth Forever Turning

For the earth forever turning;
for the skies, for ev'ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish,
sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the mountains, hills and pastures
in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens,
sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the sun, for rain and thunder,
for the seasons' harmony,
for our lives, for all creation,
sing we our joyful praise to thee.

For the world we raise our voices,
for the home that gives us birth;
in our joy we sing returning
home to our blue green hills of earth.