

*They are with  
Us Still*



*31 October 2021  
Rev. Steven Protzman  
Unitarian Universalist  
Church of Kent*

# ***They Are With Us Still***

Order of Service

October 31, 2021

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Those who lived before us, have not melted into the dust,  
and have not disappeared.  
We, the living, carry them with us:  
we are their voices, their hands and their hearts.  
They are with us still.

—Kathleen McTigue

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Handpan Improvisation*, by Hal Walker

Call to Worship

Heidi Emhoff Wood, Worship Associate

Opening Hymn

#354 *We Laugh, We Cry*  
verses 1 and 3

Chalice Lighting

adapted from Christine Robinson

In our time of remembering, we light a flame of sharing,  
the fire of ongoing life.  
May this light be a sign of peace, of comfort,  
and of the strength of community.

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn

#336 *All My Memories of Love*  
verse 1

## **Reflecting**

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation

*Goldberg Variations: Aria*, by J.S. Bach  
Vanessa Vesely, Interim Music Manager

Time for All Ages

Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Reading *They Are With Us Still*  
by Kathleen McTigue

Reflection Hymn #96 *I Cannot Think of Them as Dead*  
verses 1,3 and 4

Reflection *They Are With Us Still*  
Rev. Steven Protzman

### Remembering

The Time of Remembrance

*With ritual, song, and silence, we remember that they are with us still.*

A Time of Silence

Hymn of Peace #388 *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Lighting the Candle of Memory

Responsive Reading (insert) *We Remember Them*  
by Roland B. Gittelson

### Returning

Offering *The Ash Grove*, Welsh folk song  
Saunis Parsons

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 #103 *For All the Saints*

Benediction

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

Virtual Coffee Hour



*Next Sunday, November 7, 2021*

*Remember*

*Led Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Lori Mirkin-McGee*

**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.**

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### ***We Laugh, We Cry, vs. 1 and 3***

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song.  
We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong.  
We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone.  
But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own.  
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;  
and we have found a need to be together.  
We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive;  
and we believe that sharing is an answer.

Our lives are full of wonder and our time is very brief.  
The death of one among us fills us all with pain and grief.  
But as we live, so shall we die, and when our lives are done  
the memories we shared with friends, they will linger on and on.  
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;  
and we have found a place to be together.  
We have the right to grow, we have the gift to believe  
that peace within our living is an answer.

### ***All My Memories of Love, vs. 1***

All my memories of love hang upon high stars.  
All the souls I've lost to tears the autumn jars;  
and the air around me here thickens with their song;  
sing again their nameless tunes, sing again, and strong.

### ***I Cannot Think of Them as Dead, vs. 1,3 and 4***

I cannot think of them as dead  
who walk with me no more;  
along the path of life I tread  
they are but gone before,  
they are but gone before.

Their lives are made forever mine;  
what they to me have been  
has left henceforth its seal and sign  
engraven deep within;  
engraven deep within.

Mine are they by an ownership  
nor time nor death can free;  
for God has given to love and to keep  
its own eternally;  
its own eternally.

## Dona Nobis Pacem

Dona nobis pacem, pacem;  
dona nobis pacem.  
Dona nobis pacem;  
dona nobis pacem.  
Dona nobis pacem;  
dona nobis pacem.

## Responsive Reading

### ***We Remember Them***

By Roland B. Gittelsohn

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

***In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.***

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

***In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.***

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

***In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.***

As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us.

***As we remember them.***

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

***When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.***

When we have decisions that are difficult to make we remember them.

***When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.***

When we have achievements that are based on theirs we remember them.

***So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.***

## ***For All the Saints***

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name most holy be forever blest.  
Alleluia. Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their shelter and their might;  
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness deep their one true light.  
Alleluia. Alleluia!

O blest communion of the saints divine!  
We live in struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia. Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia. Alleluia!