

A Picture of Gratitude



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Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

November 21, 2021

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

-Melody Beattie

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Ain't it Great to be UU
by Hal Walker

Part I: *Grace Meets the Spirit of Gratitude*

Colleen Thoele
Director of Religious Education

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.

Opening Hymn

#1010 We Give Thanks

Reflecting

Part II: *The First Thanksgiving- Or Maybe the Second or Third*

Reading

A Thanksgiving Proclamation
by Beverly Hernandez

Music

Thanksgiving Song
by Mary Chapin Carpenter, arr. by John Purifoy
performed by Abby Kuras

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation

Lament for Limerick, traditional
performed by Eddie Caner, Fiddle

Part III: *Masquerade- When Thanksgiving was Weird*

Part IV: *The Best Meal Ever*

Hymn of Community

#407 *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*

Part V: *Creating a Picture of Gratitude*

Returning

Offering

Simple Gifts
arr. by Peter Amidon,
performed by Vanessa Vesely, Jill Forsman,
Blaine Vesely and Lee Brooker

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

#21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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 28, 2021

Light One Candle

Led Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Lori Mirkin-McGree

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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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)

We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

We're gonna sit at the welcome table.
We're gonna sit at the welcome table
one of these days, hallelujah!
We're gonna sit at the welcome table,
gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

All kinds of people around that table.
All kinds of people around that table
one of these days, hallelujah!
All kinds of people around that table,
gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

No fancy style at the welcome table.
No fancy style at the welcome table
one of these days, hallelujah!
No fancy style at the welcome table,
gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.