

Light One Candle



28 November 2021
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist
Church of Kent

Light One Candle

Order of Service

November 28, 2021

It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

— W. L. Watkinson

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Minuet I from 8 Minuets
by W.A. Mozart
Benny Hovancsek, piano

Words of Gathering

Lori Mirkin-McGee, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

by Gordon B. McKeeman

Deep calls unto deep, joy calls unto joy, light calls unto light.
Let the kindling of this flame rekindle in us
the inner light of love, of peace, of hope.
And as one flame lights another, nor grows the less,
we pledge ourselves to be bearers of the light, wherever we are.

Opening Hymn

#100 This Little Light of Mine

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

Hanukkah Hayom
by M. Larkin
Katie Grigg-Miller, voice and Shirley Kiernan, violin

Reflecting

Time for All Ages

An Interfaith Hanukkah Celebration
Wendy Mirkin-McGee

Reflection	<i>Stories of Hanukkah</i> Wendy and Lori Mirkin-McGee
Reflection Hymn	#221 <i>Light One Candle</i>
Reflection	<i>Light One Candle</i> Rev. Steven Protzman
Responsive Reading (insert)	<i>Each Candle a Miracle</i> by Amanda Udis-Kessler
Lighting a Candle	

If you're attending via Zoom, you are welcome to light a candle at home.

Returning

Offering	<i>Hava Nashira</i> , Israeli folk song Katie Grigg-Miller, voice and Shirley Kiernan, violin
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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	<i>Give Light</i> words and music by Greg Artzner based on the words of Ella Baker
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Benediction	Lori Mirkin-McGee
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Song of Blessing and Sending	<i>Go On Your Way in Peace</i> by Hal Walker Golden Tones Junior Choir
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Virtual Coffee Hour



Next Sunday, December 5, 2021
A Unitarian Christmas
Led Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Heidi Shaffer Bish

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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This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Light One Candle

Light one candle for the Maccabee children
with thanks that their light didn't die.
Light one candle for the pain they endured
when their right to exist was denied.
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice
justice and freedom demand.
But light one candle for the wisdom to know
when the peacemaker's time is at hand.

Chorus:

Don't let the light go out,
it's lasted for so many years.
Don't let the light go out,
let it shine through our live and our tears.

Light one candle for the strength that we need
to never become our own foe.
Light one candle for those who are suffering
the pain we learned so long ago.
Light one candle for all we believe in,
that anger won't tear us apart.
And light one candle to bring us together
with peace as the song in our heart.

Chorus

What is the mem'ry that's valued so highly
we keep it alive in that flame?
What's the commitment to those who have died
when we cry out they've not died in vain?
Have we come this far always believing
that justice would somehow prevail?
This is the burden and this is the promise
and this is why we will not fail.

Chorus

Responsive Reading

Each Candle a Miracle

By Amanda Udis-Kessler

Leader: We light the Hanukkah candles in wonder, joy, and gratitude, each candle a miracle.

All: When the Holy Temple was rededicated at the time of the Maccabean liberation battle, only one day's worth of oil remained, yet it burned for eight days so we light candles in remembrance.

Leader: We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of light in a season of darkness

All: to the miracle of trust in a time of anxiety

Leader: to the miracle of hope in a time of despair

All: to the miracle of faith in a time of cynicism.

Leader: We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of wholeness in a time of fracture

All: to the miracle of courage in a time of fear

Leader: to the miracle of resistance in a time of oppression

All: to the miracle of peace in a time of violence

Leader: and in a time of hatred

All: we rededicate ourselves to the miracle of love.

Give Light

words and music by Greg Artzner
based on the words of Ella Baker

Give light, and people will find the way
Give light, and people will find the way
Give light, and people will find the way
People will find the way I do believe

Teach peace, and people will find the way
Teach peace, and people will find the way
Teach peace, and people will find the way
People will find the way I do believe

Give love, and people will find the way
Give love, and people will find the way
Give love, and people will find the way
People will find the way I do believe

Reach out, and people will find the way
Reach out, and people will find the way
Reach out, and people will find the way
People will find the way I do believe

Sing out, and people will find the way
Sing out, and people will find the way
Sing out, and people will find the way
People will find the way I do believe

Give light, and people will find the way
Give light, and people will find the way
Give light, and people will find the way
People will find the way I do believe
People will find the way I do believe