



The Best of Intentions

Order of Service

January 2, 2022

Live with intention. Walk to the edge. Listen hard. Practice wellness.
Play with abandon. Laugh. Choose with no regret. Continue to learn.
Appreciate your friends. Do what you love and live as if this is all there is.

—Joan Hyman

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

We are the Rain and the Rainbow
by Cynthia Crossen
Performed by Hal Walker

Words of Gathering

Heidi Shaffer Bish
Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

by Lois Van Leer

We light this chalice on the brink of a new year
Letting go of what has been
Open and hopeful for what may come
Renewed, restored, ready
To live Life fully anew
May we move forward with intention.

Opening Hymn

#1000 Morning Has Come

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Hymn of Community

#1002 Comfort Me

Reflecting

Saying Farewell to the Old Year

A Time of Stillness

Music Meditation *Musical Interlude*
performed by Hal Walker, harmonica and Collin Vodicka, oboe

Reading *The Heart's Intention*
by Phillip Moffitt

Reflection *The Best of Intentions*
Rev. Steven Protzman

New Year's Hymn #350 *The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time*

Sharing Our Intentions for the New Year

Please use the chat box to share your intentions for this new year.

Responsive Reading *New Year's Day*
by Rev. Kathleen McTigue

Returning

Offering *Wistful*
by Hohmann
performed by Allison Vonieda, cello and Claire Laux, violin

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 *Auld Lang Syne*

Benediction

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

Virtual Coffee Hour

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.

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Next Sunday, January 9th, 2022

The Power of Ritual

*Led by Commissioned Lay Minister Kathy Kerns
and Worship Associate Eric van Baars*

Morning Has Come

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.
Wonder fills this moment shared together.
The light of peace here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Comfort Me

Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.
Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.

Sing with me, sing with me, sing with me, oh my soul.
Sing with me, sing with me, sing with me, oh my soul.

Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.
Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.

The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

The ceaseless flow of endless time
no one can check or stay;
we'll view the past with no regret,
nor future with dismay.

The present slips into the past,
and dreamlike melts away;
the breaking of tomorrow's dawn
begins a new today.

The past and future ever meet
in the eternal now:
to make each day a thing complete
shall be our New Year's vow.

Responsive Reading New Year's Day by Kathleen McTigue

Leader: The first of January is another day dawning, the sun rising as the sun always rises, the earth moving in its rhythms,

All: With or without our calendars to name a certain day as the day of new beginning, separating the old from the new.

Leader: So it is: everything is the same, bound into its history as we ourselves are bound.

All: Yet we also stand at a threshold, the new year something truly new, still unformed, leaving a stunning power in our hands:

Leader: What shall we do with this great gift of Time, this year?

All: Let us begin by remembering that whatever justice, whatever peace and wholeness might bloom in our world this year.

Leader: We are the hearts and minds, the hands and feet, the embodiment of all the best visions of our people.

All: The new year can be new ground for the seeds of our dreams.

Leader: Let us take the step forward together, onto new ground,

All: Planting our dreams well, faithfully, and in joy.

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never bro't to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And days of auld lang syne?
For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet
for auld lang syne.

And here's a hand, my trusty friend,
And give's a hand o' thine;
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet
For auld lang syne.
For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet
for auld lang syne.