

The Power of Ritual

9 January 2022
Kathy Kerns
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



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Order of Service

January 9, 2022

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Kathy Kerns, Worship Leader

Chime

Prelude

Praise Song

by Hal Walker

performed by Kathy Ke, Hal Walker and Andrew Frantz

Words of Gathering

Eric van Baars, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice because we are Unitarian Universalists.

This is the church of the open mind.

This is the church of the helping hands.

This is the church of the loving hearts.

This is the church that takes care of the Earth and each other.

Opening Hymn

#389 *Gathered Here*

Time for All Ages

Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Time of Care and Compassion

Kathy Kerns

Silence

Prayer

I Pray This Day for the Courage to Be

by Mauren Killoran

Sharing our Joys, Wonder, and Awe

Music

The Waltzing Cat

excerpt by Leroy Anderson

performed by Vanessa Vesely

Reading

The Surprising Power of Daily Rituals

from Karan Johnson

Eric van Baars

Hymn of Affirmation	#346 Come, Sing a Song with Me recorded by Vanessa and Nora Vesely
Reading	<i>For Five Thousand Years, Or More</i> by Matthew Johnson Eric van Baars
Homily	<i>The Power of Ritual</i> Kathy Kerns
Affirmation Ritual	
Offering	
Offertory Music	<i>Moment Musical, Op. 94, No. 3</i> by Franz Schubert performed by Shirley Kiernan, violin and Vanessa Vesely, piano
Extinguishing the Chalice	Kathy Kerns 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>Ours is a Simple Faith</i> by Mustard's Retreat performed by Hal Walker
Benediction	<i>Universal Rhythm</i> by Israel Buffardi
Song of Blessing and Sending	<i>Go On Your Way in Peace</i> by Hal Walker Golden Tones Junior Choir
Virtual Coffee Hour	



Next Sunday: January 16, 2022
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and DRE Colleen Thoele

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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#389 Gathered Here

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour.
Gathered here in one strong body.
Gathered here in the struggle and the power.
Spirit, draw near.

#346 Come, Sing a Song with Me

Come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus) And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Ours is a Simple Faith

by Mustard's Retreat

*Ours in a simple faith.
Life is a short embrace.
Heaven is in this place,
every day...*

*Hope is the ground we till,
make each day what you will.
Thankful for dreams fulfilled,
every day.*

*No room in this heart for fear.
No judgment day drawing near.
Trust that inner voice you hear,
every day...*

*Life's not a goal or race.
It's about heart and faith,
And living a life of grace,
every day.*

*Trust is an open hand,
making an honest stand.
Rooted in in the land,
every day...*

*Live in the mystery,
seeking the harmony,
Here between you and me,
every day.*