



PATRICK, PAGANS, AND NO SNAKES

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



Patrick, Pagans, and No Snakes

Order of Service

March 13, 2022

Be still and know that I am.
Be still and know.
Be still.
Be.

- *Attributed to St. Patrick*

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome Elaine Bowen, Worship Leader

Chime

Prelude *Coleraine (Irish Jig)*
arr. by Daniel Kelley
performed by Shirley Kiernan, violin and Vanessa Vesely, piano

Words of Gathering Lori Mirkin-McGee, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting *A Flame to Light Our Path*
by Debra Burrell

UUCK Congregational Covenant

We affirm that each life has brilliance and, when joined with others in joyful community, has the power to transform.
We pledge ourselves and our resources to this journey.
This covenant inspires and challenges us to dwell together in right relationship.
We promise to extend hospitality, nurture community for all ages, encourage spiritual growth, honor diversity, and practice kindness.

Opening Hymn #29 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion Elaine Bowen

Silence, Sorrows, Pastoral Prayer, and Joys

Music Meditation *Si Bheag, Si Mhor (Irish Air)*
arr. by Daniel Kelley
performed by Shirley Kiernan, violin and Vanessa Vesely, piano

Reflecting

Time For All Ages Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Reading St. Patrick's Day Myths and Misinformation
Lori Mirkin-McGee

Reflection Hymn #20 *Be Thou My Vision*

Reading *Digging*
by Seamus Heaney
Lori Mirkin-McGee

Homily *Patrick, Pagans, and No Snakes*
Elaine Bowen

Returning

Offering *Londonderry Air, traditional Irish Melody*
arr. by Daniel Kelley
performed by Shirley Kiernan, violin and Vanessa Vesely, piano

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 #1068 *Rising Green*

Benediction *Beannacht (Irish Blessing)*
by John O'Donohue
Elaine Bowen

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

Virtual Coffee Hour



Next Sunday: We Need a Little Springtime
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman

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).

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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#29 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, God of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, hail thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the pain of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the joy of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and planets sing around thee, center of unbroken praise;
field and forest, vale and mountain, blossoming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest.
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

#20 Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O God of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me God;
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor world's empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

#1068 *Rising Green*

My blood doth rise in the roots of yon oak,
her sap doth run in my veins.
Boundless my soul like the open sky
where the stars forever have lain.
Where the stars, where the stars,
where the stars forever have lain.

My hands hold the weavings of time without end,
my sight as deep as the sea.
Beating, my heart sounds the measures of old,
that of love's eternity.
That of love, that of love, that of love's eternity.

I feel the tides as they answer the moon,
rushing on a far distant sand.
Winging my song is the wind of my breast
and my love blows over the land.
And my love, and my love, and my love blows over the land.

My foot carries days of the old into new,
our dreaming shows us the way.
Wondrous our faith settles deep in the earth,
rising green to bring a new day.
Rising green, rising green, rising green to bring a new day.