

A white dove is shown in flight, wings spread wide, against a clear blue sky. The scene is framed by the branches and leaves of trees, some of which are in autumn colors (orange, yellow, and green). The background shows a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills or mountains under a bright sky.

Spirit of Life



27 March 2022
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Spirit of Life

Order of Service

March 27, 2022

And I have felt a presence that disturbs me with the joy of elevated thoughts; A sense sublime of something far more deeply interfused...
A motion and a spirit, that impels all thinking things,
All objects of all thought, And rolls through all things.

—William Wordsworth

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Song of Gathering

#361 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Sonatina in C Major Op. 36, No. 1 Allegro
by Muzio Clementi, performed by Benny Hovancsek

Words of Gathering

Lori Mirkin-McGee, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

Susan L. Van Dreser

That we may remember, that we may know,
That we may imagine and touch our joy:
Let us kindle true light
From the fire of our souls

Opening Hymn

#347 Gather the Spirit

Supporting Our Community

Testimonial

Carol Weigand

Hymn of Community

#402 From You I Receive

Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence

Hymn of Community

#1002 Comfort Me

Sharing our sorrows and losses, pastoral prayer,
and sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation *Gymnopedie #1*
by Erik Satie, performed by Vanessa Vesely

Introduction *The Story of 'Spirit of Life'*

Part I: *Spirit of Life, come unto me.*
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Reading an excerpt from *Teaching a Stone to Talk*
by Annie Dillard

Reflection *A Dangerous Invitation*

Part II: *Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;*
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Music Interlude *Mystery*
by Jeremy Geffen, arr. by Jim Scott
sung by Katie Grigg-Miller

Reflection *Giving Life the Shape of Justice*

Part III: *Roots hold me close; wings set me free;*
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Time for All Ages Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Returning

Offering *Ours is a Simple Faith*
by David Tamulevich, performed by Hal Walker

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 *#123 Spirit of Life* (sung twice)

Benediction

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



Next Sunday: Buddha: "I Am Awake!"
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Randy 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).

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 both in-person and 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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Enter, Rejoice and Come In

Enter, rejoice, and come in.
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Today will be a joyful day,
enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your ears to the song.
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Today will be a joyful day,
enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your hearts ev'ryone.
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Today will be a joyful day,
enter, rejoice, and come in.

Don't be afraid of some change.
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Gather the Spirit

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

Refrain: Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,
with body and spirit united once more.

Refrain

Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one.

Refrain

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.
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