

Buddha: I Am Awake



3 April 2022
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist
Church of Kent

Buddha: “I Am Awake!”

Order of Service

April 3, 2022

Whatever precious jewel there is in the heavenly worlds,
there is nothing comparable to one who is Awakened.

—The Buddha

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Song of Gathering #188 *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude *Shang Lou* (Ascending the Tower)
traditional music from Henan province
Weichih Rosa Lee, *guzheng* (zither); Kecheng Liu, *xiao* (vertical bamboo flute); David Badagnani, *sheng* (mouth organ)

Words of Gathering Randy Bish, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting adapted from Rev. Lisa Friedman

Leader: We touch the earth

All: to remember that wherever we are is holy ground.

Leader: We reach for the sky

All: to remember that mystery is around us and inspires us to be our best selves.

Leader: We honor our heart

All: to invite truth to awaken within us and guide us.

Leader: We stretch out our hands

All: to offer our gifts to the world and to each other.

Leader: We light a chalice

All: to welcome the spirit and bring light into this place.

Opening Hymn

#1000 *Morning Has Come*

Supporting Our Community

Testimonial

Katie Kuras

Roots and Wings: Completing our Pledge Drive

Kay Eckman
Generosity Team Chair

Hymn of Community

#402 *From You I Receive*

Reflecting

The Story of the Buddha

"I Am Awake"

Time For All Ages

Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Music Interlude

Chun Dao Lasa (Spring Comes to Lhasa)
composed by Shi Zhaoyuan (史兆元, b. 1932)
Weichih Rosa Lee, *guzheng* solo

Reflection

An Invitation to Awaken
Rev. Steven Protzman

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Loving Kindness Meditation

Meditation Response Hymn

#1031 *Filled With Loving Kindness*

Returning

Offering

Da Yu (Big Fish), composed by Qian Lei (钱雷, b. 1982)
Kecheng Liu, large *dizi* (transverse bamboo flute); David
Badagnani, *sheng*; Weichih Rosa Lee, *guzheng*

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

#318 *We Would Be One*

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending

Go On Your Way in Peace
by Hal Walker
Golden Tones Junior Choir

*Please refer to the back cover for information
about today's guest musicians.*



Next Sunday: Wake, Now My Senses
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Kathy Kerns

Our Guest Musicians:

Since its establishment in 2008, the **Cleveland Chinese Music Ensemble** has presented traditional Chinese music at more than 100 venues across Northeast Ohio, as well as in Columbus and western Pennsylvania. This morning's service will be the ensemble's first performance since the Chinese New Year of 2020.

Originally from Taiwan, **Weichih Rosa Lee** is a distinguished performer and teacher of the *guzheng* (Chinese zither), an instrument she has played for more than 40 years, and whose technique she has passed on to numerous students of all ages at her home studio in Solon. She is the recipient of a 2014 Ohio Heritage Fellowship, and in May 2022 she will be presented with a Governor's Award for the Arts, in recognition of her lifetime of achievement in her chosen field.

A native of Hangzhou in east-central China, **Kecheng Liu** specializes in Chinese wind instruments. Based in Cleveland, since 2008 he has performed widely as a soloist on the *dizi*, *xiao*, and *hulusi*, most frequently as a member of the Solon-based Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Culture Association Art Troupe.

David Badagnani has specialized in Chinese music performance for more than 30 years, acquiring practical skill with Chinese wind, string, and percussion instruments in the Chinese music ensembles of Florida State University and Kent State University. In 2008 (together with Weichih Rosa Lee) he co-founded the Cleveland Chinese Music Ensemble, for which he serves as music director.

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Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.

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.

Filled with Loving Kindness

May I be filled with loving kindness.
May I be well.
May I be filled with loving kindness.
May I be well.
May I be peaceful and at ease.
May I be whole.

May you be filled with loving kindness.
May you be well.
May you be filled with loving kindness.
May you be well.
May you be peaceful and at ease.
May you be whole.

May we be filled with loving kindness.
May we be well.
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May we be peaceful and at ease.
May we be whole.

We Would Be One

We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
which binds our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.