



*The Living, Loving Church
You Are Called to Be*

Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer

Rev. Steven Protzman

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*Unitarian Universalist
Church of Kent*



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Order of Service

May 29, 2022

Out of wood and stone,
out of dreams and sacrifice,
the People build a home.

—Eileen B. Karpeles

Gathering

Music for Gathering *Whoever You Are*, by Katie Grigg-Miller

Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*, by Joyce Poley
performed by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Peace Choir
and Fallow Time Folk Orchestra

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #347 *Gather the Spirit*

A Time of Grieving and Healing

Honoring Our Community's Contributions

Chalice Lighting Rev. Christie Anderson
UUCK Affiliated Community Minister

Leader: Life is a gift for which we are grateful. We gather in community to celebrate the wonder and mystery of this great gift. So let us now kindle the flame of our liberal religious heritage in the spirit of dedicating this building and rededicating ourselves to the noble work of our faith:

Swanny Voneida: With gratitude as we honor our past, remembering with love the leaders, members and friends of this congregation on whose legacy we now build,

People: *We light this chalice.*

Kara Kramer: With trust in one another, to honor our present, our mission to be a people who touch hearts, change lives, and transform the world,

People: *We light this chalice.*

Evian Rome: With hope for the future, to honor and hold before us a vision of the world made fair and all its people one, a world where there is peace and justice, a time when all shall dwell together in the Beloved Community,

People: *We light this chalice.*

Response Hymn #1028 *The Fire of Commitment*

Greetings from Local Partners Rev. Christie Anderson

Recognitions Kathy Kerns, Commissioned Lay Minister

Remembering Clinton and Olive Hobbs Melissa Hobbs

Music Interlude *Ripple*, by the Grateful Dead
Howard Hobbs

alternate Interlude for Zoom streaming: *Ain't it Great to be UU*
written and performed By Hal Walker

The Dedication

Responsive Reading #733 *A Place of Meeting*, by Eileen Karpeles
Lori Mirkin-McGee, Commissioned Lay Minister

Prayer of Dedication

Dedication Hymn #1 *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door*

Reflecting

Time For All Ages *The Little Church That Could*, by Kay Eckman
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Readings *Dying Churches*, adapted by Rev. Sam Trumbore
from Pilgrim United Church of Christ newsletter, Port Charlotte, Florida
Heidi Shaffer Bish, Worship Associate

An excerpt from *Emergent Strategy*, by adrienne maree brown
Lori Mirkin-McGee

Interlude

We Belong to One Another
words by Amanda Udis-Kessler; music by John Wyeth
performed by the Quixotic Quartet

Sermon

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Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer
UUMA Director of Ministries for Collegial Care

Returning

Offering

*Today's offering is taken in support of the food ministries of
Kent Social Services in honor of Clinton and Olive Hobbs.*

Offertory

Take Care of This House
by Leonard Bernstein
performed by Katie Grigg-Miller

alternate Offertory for Zoom streaming: *Ballade No. 2 in Fmaj*
by Frederic Chopin
performed by Vanessa Vesely

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

Life Calls Us On, by Jason Shelton

Benediction

*The congregation is invited to move outside, get some bubbles,
and make a ring around the building.*

Bubble Blessing

Reception



Next Sunday: Finding Beauty
Led by Lori Mirkin-McGee and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

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

The Fire of Commitment

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

Chorus:

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

Chorus

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

Chorus

Responsive Reading

A Place of Meeting
by Eileen B. Karpeles

Leader: Out of wood and stone,
out of dreams and sacrifice,
the People build a home.
Out of the work of their hands and hearts and minds
the People fashion a symbol and a reality.

*All: May this house be truly
a place of Meeting-
meeting one with another
in warmth and joy and openness;
meeting one with another in courage and love and trust.*

Leader: May all who enter here
trust one another so surely
that they dare to share the deep fires
that burst into anger
as much as the sweet springwaters
that swell into laughter;
the slow erosion of wounded tears
as much as the soaring song.

*All: May these walls know silence
as a hundred hearts search inward
each for its own small spark of hope
that might otherwise be snuffed out in the noise.*

Leader: May these rafters hear the voice the of child
as surely as that of the orator, and the sound of the lute,
the clack of the computer, the swish of the broom,
and know that all are as holy as the shout of a million stars.

*All: May the rain fall lightly on this house,
the sun shine warmly,
the winds blow softly, and bless it
as a place of joy and peace.*

May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

May nothing evil cross this door,
and may ill fortune never pry
about these windows; may the roar
and rain go by.

By faith made strong, the rafters will
withstand the battering of the storm.
This hearth, though all the world grow chill,
will keep you warm.

Peace shall walk softly through these rooms,
touching our lips with holy wine,
till ev'ry casual corner blooms
into a shrine.

With laughter drown the raucous shout,
and, though these sheltering walls are thin,
may they be strong to keep hate out
and hold love in.

Life Calls Us On

by Jason Shelton

Here in rev'rence now we gather for the blessings we have known,
With a pledge to one another that we journey not alone.
Joy and sorrow make us wise, kin to all that lives and dies;
Love calls us on, Love calls us on.

Words and deeds of those before us waken here to keep us strong;
Blend our voices in the chorus of creation's living song.
Courage bids us lift our eyes upward to the shining skies;
Hope calls us on; Hope calls us on.

Loyal guides in love and duty lead us with a trusted light;
Blest are they whose inward beauty shows the path of truth and right.
Honor is their earthly prize; by their work we realize;
Faith calls us on; Faith calls us on.

We have shared a radiant hour when the truth has made us free;
And the spirit's gracious power dreamed of good that yet shall be.
Bright the path before us lies joyful pilgrims now we rise;
Life calls us on; Life calls us on!

Activities & Events: May 29 - June 5

<https://kentuu.org/calendar/>

May 29 Sunday

10:00 AM Hobbs Hall Dedication
Service & Reception

May 30 Monday

Memorial Day – Church Office closed

May 31 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM FinSecs

June 1 Wednesday

7:00 PM Congregational Start-up
Meeting via Zoom

June 2 Thursday

June 3 Friday

June 4 Saturday

2:00 PM Larry Cole Celebration of Life

June 5 Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:00 AM Board Listening Session
12:00 PM OWL

For more information, read the e-nUUs.
<https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events/>

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