

# The Impossible Principle

The inherent  
worth  
and dignity  
of every  
person



*11 September 2022*  
*Rev. Steven Protzman*  
*Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent*

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Order of Service

September 11, 2022

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We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

—UUA Bylaws, Article II, Section C-2.1

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Minuet No. 1*, by J. S. Bach  
Benny Hovancsek

Words of Gathering

Lori Mirkin-McGee, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting and 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

*#1008 When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

## **Reflecting**

Blessing Our Religious Education Teachers

Colleen Thoele  
Director of Religious Education

Singing our Children, Caregivers, and Teachers to Their Classes

*Go On Your Way in Peace*  
by Hal Walker

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses, pastoral prayer, and sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation

*Let the Good Rain Fall*  
written and performed by Katie Grigg-Miller

## **The Trial**

The Premise Question: Does the First Principle always hold or is it possible that someone through their actions loses their inherent worth and dignity?

Opening Statements

Testimony

*Our First Principle* by Rev. Steven Epperson  
*The Problematic First Principle* by Steve Schmidt  
*The Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person*  
by Rev. Sarah Lammert  
*Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*  
by Rev. Jonathan Edwards  
*Wild Geese*, by Mary Oliver

Closing Statements

Reflection Hymn

*#1031 Filled With Loving Kindness*

The Vote and Verdict

Reflecting

*The Impossible Principle*  
Rev. Steven Protzman

## **Returning**

Offering

*Everyone is Worthy*  
by Amanda Udis-Kessler

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

*#1014 Answering the Call of Love*

Benediction



*Next Sunday: Ain't Nothin' but a Thing*

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## Activities & Events: September 11 - 18, 2022

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

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### Sept. 11 Sunday

11:00 AM Sunday Worship

### Sept. 12 Monday

### Sept. 13 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

7:00 PM Board of Trustees Class

### Sept. 14 Wednesday

12:00 PM Retirees Group

7:00 PM Journey of Belonging

7:30 PM Committee on shared Ministry

### Sept. 15 Thursday

6:00 PM Hobbs Hall Rental

7:00 PM Covenant Group

### Sept. 16 Friday

### Sept. 17 Saturday

### Sept. 18 Sunday

11:00 AM Community Sunday

4:30 PM Youth Group

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

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**Church Office:** The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex  
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## ***When Our Heart is in a Holy Place***

Chorus: When our heart is in a holy place,  
When our heart is in a holy place  
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,  
When our heart is in a holy place

When we trust the wisdom in each of us,  
Ev'ry color ev'ry creed and kind,  
And we see our faces in each other's eyes,  
Then our heart is in a holy place.

(Chorus)

When we tell our story from deep inside,  
And we listen with a loving mind,  
And we hear our voices in each other's words,  
Then our heart is in a holy place.

(Chorus)

When we share the silence of sacred space,  
And the God of our Heart stirs within,  
And we feel the power of each other's faith,  
Then our heart is in a holy place.

## ***Go On Your Way in Peace***

You've got the light of love inside you.  
Go on your way in peace.  
So, shine that light  
this whole world now awaits you  
Go on your way in peace.  
(repeat)  
You know, we hold you. We hold you.  
Yes, we hold you.

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

### ***Answering the Call of Love***

The promise of the Spirit:  
faith, hope and love abide.  
And so ev'ry soul is blessed and made whole;  
the truth in our hearts is our guide.

Refrain:  
We are answering the call of love:  
hands joined together as hearts beat as one.  
Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim  
we are answering the call of love.

Sometimes we build a barrier  
to keep love tightly bound.  
Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear,  
denying the beauty we've found.

Refrain

A bright new day is dawning  
when love will not divide.  
Reflections of grace in ev'ry embrace,  
fulfilling the vision divine.

Refrain