

Church of Our Dreams

25 September 2022
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



The Church of Our Dreams

Order of Service

September 25, 2022

We are a people of belonging creating refuge and home
when it has been blocked or barred, where it is not offered elsewhere.
In all your longings, you belong.
You belong here, should you choose to call this home.

—Karen G. Johnston

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Whoever You Are
words from the Welcome Statement of the
Jefferson Unitarian Church, Golden, Colorado;
music by Katie Grigg-Miller

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Percussion Circle

Words of Gathering

Ginny Horvath, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

Children's Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice because we are Unitarian Universalists.
This is the church of the open mind.
This is the church of the helping hands.
This is the church of the loving heart
This is the church that takes care of the Earth and each other.

Opening Hymn (insert)

#1000 Morning Has Come

Reflecting

Time for All Ages

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

Here Together
by David Glasgow
The Quirky Quartet; Vanessa Vesely, piano

New Member Covenant Ceremony (insert)

Don Gregg,
Moderator of the Board of Trustees

Jubilee Recognitions

The Membership Team

Hymn of Community (insert)

Ours is a Simple Faith

Readings

Belonging, by Karen G. Johnston

Dogfish, by Mary Oliver

Sermon

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Returning

Offering

We Belong to One Another
words by Amanda Udis-Kessler; music by John Wyeth
The Quirky Quartet; 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 (insert)

Spirit, Make Us One
lyrics by Kendal Gibbons; music by Jason Shelton

Benediction

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*Sunday, October 2: Community Sunday: Acts of Love
Hosted by Kathy Kerns*

Activities & Events: September 25 – October 2, 2022

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

Sept. 25 Sunday

11:00 AM Sunday Worship
12:00 PM Board Breaking News
5:00 PM Hobbs Hall reserved

Sept. 26 Monday

10:00 AM Creative Living Series
6:30 PM Spiritual Practices

Sept. 27 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Sept. 28 Wednesday

12:00 PM Retirees Gathering
6:30 PM Board of Trustees

Sept. 29 Thursday

6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team

Sept. 30 Friday

Oct. 1 Saturday

Oct. 2 Sunday

11:00 AM Community Sunday
1:00 PM Haunted Forest Meeting
4:30 PM UUYJ

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

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2021 – 2022

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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 love 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 peace here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Go On Your Way in Peace

by Hal Walker

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.

New Member Covenant Ceremony

Congregation: We, the members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent joyfully welcome you into our congregation. We affirm the unique gifts, wisdom, passions, and commitment you offer this day. We encourage you to grow spiritually and live a life of service, integrity, and joy. We promise to walk with you in friendship, respect, and trust.

New Members: I become a member of this church aware of both the privileges and responsibilities of membership. I choose to join you on life's journey in all its mystery, struggle, and wonder. I promise to share my gifts and wisdom, to join in our shared ministry, and to support the life and work of this spiritual community as fully as I am able.

Minister: I invite all of us to join in the words of our congregational covenant:

All: 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.

We Welcome our New Members

Randy Bish	Hale Dodds	Kara Kramer
Nancy Vanderstein	David Weaver	Bill Wilen

We Honor our Jubilee Members

Christie Anderson	Brad Bolton	Elaine Bowen
Donna Craver-Dean	Erin Craver-Dean	Saul Flanner
Rebecca Haines	Luna Lisa Hart	Kathy Kerns
Edward Krimmer	Colleen Norris	Saunis Parsons
Hal Walker	Kathy Walker	Heather Waltz

Ours is a Simple Faith

by David Tamulevich

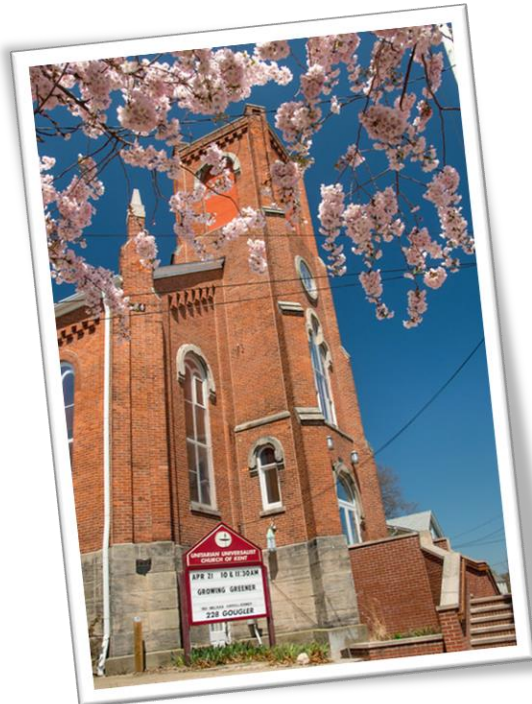
Chorus: Ours is a simple faith
Life is a short embrace
Heaven is in this place every day
Hope is the ground we till.
Make each day what you will.
Thankful for dreams fulfilled. every day.

There is no Hell to fear. No judgment day drawing near.
Trust that inner voice you hear, every day...
Life's not a goal or race. It's about heart and faith,
And living a life of grace, every day.

Chorus

Trust is an open hand, making an honest stand.
Rooted in the land, every day...
Live in the mystery, seeking the harmony,
Here between you and me, every day.

Chorus



Spirit, Make Us One

lyrics by Kendal Gibbons: music by Jason Shelton

We proclaim a saving message, as in times of old;
Hist'ry, give us courage; make us bold.
There is healing, there is hope for ev'ry hurting soul;
Spirit, give us comfort; make us whole.
Make us bold, make us bold
Hist'ry, give us courage; make us bold.
Make us whole, make us whole
Spirit, give us comfort; make us whole.

Earth, receive our heart's thanksgiving, under prairie skies;
Nature, bless our yearning; make us wise.
We here for one another, in good times and bad;
Spirit, give us laughter; make us glad.
Make us wise, makes us wise
Nature, bless our yearning; make us wise.
Make us glad, make us glad
Spirit, give us laughter, make us glad.

Still let justice be the saving struggle we pursue;
Conscience, give us honor; make us true.
We bear witness to the promised future now begun;
Spirit, bless our journey; make us one.
Make us true, make us true
Conscience, give us honor; make us true.
Make us one, make us one
Spirit, bless our journey, make us one.