

# The Courage to Come Out



9 October 2022  
Rev. Steven Protzman  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

# ***The Courage to Come Out***

Order of Service

October 9, 2022

Don't come out unless you want to. Don't come out for anyone else's sake. Don't come out because you think society expects you to. Come out for yourself. Come out to yourself. Shout, sing it. Softly stutter. Correct those who say they knew before you did. That's not how sexuality works, it's yours to define.

—Dean Atta, in *The Black Flamingo*

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

*Whoever You Are*

Words inspired by from the welcome statement of the Jefferson Unitarian Church, Golden, Colorado  
music by Katie Grigg-Miller

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*This Joy*, by Shirley Ceasar  
performed by The Okay Chorale

Words of Gathering

Elaine Bowen, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

adapted from Linda Lee Franson

Leader: We light this flame

All: to ignite our hearts and minds—  
the spark of knowledge that enlightens,  
the shimmering hope that burns,

Leader: We light this flame

All: for those who celebrate themselves, who fear, who hope,  
who persevere, who stand on the side of love for all.

Leader: We light this flame

All: to celebrate our kaleidoscope of diversity:  
working, loving, and living on the side of love.

Opening Hymn

*#170 We Are a Gentle, Angry People*  
used with permission, ©Hereford Music (ASCAP);  
words and music by Holly Near

## Reflecting

Time for All Ages

*Julian is a Mermaid*  
written and illustrated by Jessica Love  
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

*Courage, My Friends*  
by Eric Bogle, Charles Albert Tindley  
performed by The Okay Chorale

Reading

*Be-Coming Out*, by Rev. Heather McDuffee

Reflection

Raven Luna Black-Raven

Musical Response

*#1053 How Could Anyone*

Reading

*Love Me for Me*, by PinkFaerie5

Reflection

*The Courage to Come Out*  
Rev. Steven Protzman

## Returning

Offering

*You Belong in This World*  
by Bret Hesla, performed by Kevyn Breedon

Responsive Reading (insert)

*We Answer the Call of Love*  
Julia Corbett-Heyemer

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: 100 Steps to Freedom*  
*Led by Rev Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Randy Bish*

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## Activities & Events: October 9 - 16, 2022

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

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### Oct. 9 Sunday

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Sunday Worship  
1:00 PM OWL Parent Meeting  
1:00 PM Haunted Forest Planning

### Oct. 10 Monday

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

### Oct. 11 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

### Oct. 12 Wednesday

12:00 PM Retirees Gathering  
6:30 PM Journey of Belonging Series  
7:30 PM Committee on Shared Ministry

### Oct. 13 Thursday

6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team

### Oct. 14 Friday

### Oct. 15 Saturday

### Oct. 16 Sunday

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM Sunday Worship  
4:30 PM UUYJ

For more information, read the e-nUUs.  
[kentuu.org/news/announcements-events/](https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events/)

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## **We Are a Gentle, Angry People**

We are a gentle, angry people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.  
We are a gentle, angry people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a justice-seeking people...

We are young and old together...

We are a land of many colors...

We are gay and straight together....

We are a gentle, loving people...

## **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.

## **How Could Anyone**

How could anyone ever tell you  
you were anything less than beautiful?  
How could anyone ever tell you  
you were less than whole?  
How could anyone fail to notice  
that your loving is a miracle?  
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

Responsive Reading  
**We Answer the Call of Love**  
by Julia Corbett-Hemeyer

In the face of hate,  
***We answer the call of love.***

In the face of exclusion,  
***We answer the call of inclusion.***

In the face of homophobia,  
***We answer the call of LGBTQ rights.***

In the face of intolerance,  
***We answer the call of diversity.***

*In the face of bigotry,*  
***We answer the call of open-mindedness.***

In the face of despair,  
***We answer the call of hope.***

As Unitarian Universalists, we answer the call of love —  
***now more than ever.***

**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