

The Courage to Come Out



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

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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	<i>Whoever You Are</i> 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	<i>This Joy</i> , by Shirley Caesar 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	<i>#170 We Are a Gentle, Angry People</i> 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 BlackRaven

Musical Response

#1053 *How Could Anyone*

Reading

Love Me for Me, by PinkFaerie5

Reflection

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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

Activities & Events: October 9 - 16, 2022

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

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/

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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