

*Only a Night from  
Old to New*



1 January 2023  
Rev. Steven Protzman  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

# *Only a Night from Old to New*

Order of Service

January 1, 2023

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The first of January is another day dawning, the sun rising as the sun always rises, the earth moving in its rhythms. Yet also we stand at a threshold, the new year something truly new, still unformed, leaving a stunning power in our hands.

—Kathleen McTigue

Music for gathering

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

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Allegro*, by Jean Baptiste Loeille  
Shirley Kiernan, violin, Vanessa Vesely, piano

Words of Gathering

Kathy Kerns,  
Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

by Lois van Leer

We light this chalice on the brink of a new year  
Letting go of what has been  
Open and hopeful for what may come  
Renewed, restored, ready  
To live Life fully anew  
May we move forward with intention.

Opening Hymn

*#1000 Morning Has Come*

## **Reflecting**

Time for All Ages

*New Year's Traditions*

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Hymn of Community

*#1002 Comfort Me*

Saying Farewell to the Old Year

A Time of Stillness

Music Meditation

*Allegro*, by George Frederick Handel  
Shirley Kiernan, violin, Vanessa Vesely, piano

Reading

*Only a Night from Old to New*  
by Helen Hunt Jackson

Reflection

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New Year's Hymn

*#350 The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time*

New Year's Ritual

Responsive Reading

*New Year's Day*  
by Kathleen McTigue

### **Returning**

Offering

*My Dear Acquaintance*, by Paul Horner and Peggy Lee  
Performed by Katie Grigg-Miller

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

*Auld Lang Syne*

Benediction

Social Hour

Hobbs Hall



*Next Sunday January 8, 2023 10 am*  
*Led by Rev. Steven and Worship Associate Randy Bish*

## Calendar

- Today, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> -Service at 10 am, the Sanctuary  
-Social Hour, Hobbs Hall  
-Community Meal, 4:45 pm, Hobbs Hall
- Tues., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> -Retiree's Meeting, 12:00 pm, Hobbs Hall
- Wed., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> -Race4Justice Meeting, 4:00 pm, Zoom
- Sat., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> -Haymaker's Market, 9 am – 1 pm, Hobbs Hall
- Sun., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> -Service at 10 am, the Sanctuary  
-Social Hour, Hobbs Hall  
-Environmental Justice Meeting, 11 am, Fessenden Hall  
-Euchre Card Group, 12 pm, Hobbs Hall

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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.

## Comfort Me

Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.  
Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.

Sing with me, sing with me, sing with me, oh my soul.  
Sing with me, sing with me, sing with me, oh my soul.

Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.  
Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.

## The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

The ceaseless flow of endless time  
no one can check or stay;  
we'll view the past with no regret,  
nor future with dismay.

The present slips into the past,  
and dreamlike melts away;  
the breaking of tomorrow's dawn  
begins a new today.

The past and future ever meet  
in the eternal now:  
to make each day of thing complete  
shall be our New Year's vow.

Responsive Reading  
New Year's Day by Kathleen McTigue

Leader: The first of January is another day dawning, the sun rising as the sun always rises, the earth moving in its rhythms,

*Congregation: With or without our calendars to name a certain day as the day of new beginning, separating the old from the new.*

Leader: So it is: everything is the same, bound into its history as we ourselves are bound.

*Congregation: Yet we also stand at a threshold, the new year something truly new, still unformed, leaving a stunning power in our hands:*

Leader: What shall we do with this great gift of Time, this year?

*Congregation: Let us begin by remembering that whatever justice, whatever peace and wholeness might bloom in our world this year.*

Leader: We are the hearts and minds, the hands and feet, the embodiment of all the best visions of our people.

*Congregation: The new year can be new ground for the seeds of our dreams.*

Leader: Let us take the step forward together, onto new ground,

*Congregation: Planting our dreams well, faithfully, and in joy.*

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
And never bro't to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And days of auld lang syne?  
For auld lang syne, my dear,  
for auld lang syne,  
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet  
for auld lang syne.

And here's a hand, my trusty frien',  
And gie's a hand o' thine;  
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet  
For auld lang syne.  
For auld lang syne, my dear,  
for auld lang syne,  
We'll take a cup o' kindness yet  
for auld lang syne.