

# The Most Urgent Question



*Urgent Questions*

*Are you?*

*What is essential?*

*Why?*

*What are you doing  
for others?*

*What are you waiting for*



**15 January 2023**

**Rev. Steven Protzman**

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent**

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Order of Service

January 15, 2023

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Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

—Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## **Gathering**

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

*Confirmed Truth*, by George Freeman  
performed by Brad Bolton and Christie Anderson

Words of Gathering

Colleen Thoele  
Director of Religious Education

Chalice Lighting

We come together to remind ourselves  
To treat all people kindly  
Because they are our brothers and sisters;  
To take good care of the earth  
Because it is our home;  
To live lives full of goodness and love  
Because that is how we will make our world  
The best place it can be.

Opening Hymn

*#1014 Answering the Call of Love*, adapted

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 Justice Roll Dow*, by Aileen Vance  
performed by Lea Morris

## Reflecting

Religious Education Reflection

Youth Reflection

Hymn of Affirmation                      *#1018 Come and Go With Me to that Land*

Reflection                                      *The Most Urgent Question*  
Rev. Steven Protzman

Responsive Reading                      the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. and  
Angela Herrera

## Returning

Offering    *Be the Change*  
by Marc Kaplan and Colin Britt  
performed by the combined adult and children's choirs

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                                      *If I Had a Hammer*  
by Pete Seeger and Lee Hays

Benediction



*Next Sunday January 22, 2023 at 10 AM*  
*A Journey to the Center*  
*Led by Rev. Steven and Heidi Emhoff Wood*

## Activities & Events: January 15 - 22, 2023

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

### Jan. 15 Sunday

8:30 AM Auction Team  
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
11:00 AM Environmental Justice Video  
12:30 PM Drum Circle  
4:30 PM UUYJ

### Jan. 16 Monday

MLK Day – Office Closed

### Jan. 17 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

### Jan. 18 Wednesday

### Jan. 19 Thursday

7:00 PM Covenant Group  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Jan. 20 Friday

### Jan. 21 Saturday

8:00 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved  
3:00 PM Jack Graham Memorial  
Service & Reception

### Jan. 22 Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
11:00 AM Congregational Town Hall  
3:00 PM Girl Scouts

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

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## **#1014 Answering the Call of Love**, adapted

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

## **#1018 Come and Go With Me**

Come and go with me to that land,  
Come and go with me to that land,  
Come and go with me to that land  
where I'm bound. (repeat)

There'll be freedom in that land,  
There'll be freedom in that land,  
There'll be freedom in that land  
where I'm bound. (repeat)

There'll be justice in that land,  
There'll be justice in that land,  
There'll be justice in that land  
where I'm bound. (repeat)

There'll be singing in that land,  
There'll be singing in that land,  
There'll be singing in that land  
where I'm bound. (repeat)

Responsive Reading  
**The words of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Angela Herrera**

Leader: We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.

*All: From our life's journey,  
We join as one community,  
One body of people,  
Together on the side of love.*

Leader: Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.

*All: We bring our gifts of compassion and care,  
our hopes for the future,  
we bring our dream of peace,  
Together on the side of love.*

Leader: Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. There are some things in our social system to which all of us ought to be maladjusted.

*All: In covenant together,  
we answer a call of justice,  
speaking out against oppression,  
Together on the side of love.*

Leader: Now let us begin. Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter, but beautiful, struggle for a new world...The choice is ours, and though we might prefer it otherwise, we must choose in this crucial moment of human history.

*All: Let us have the courage to go out into the world,  
Let us dedicate our lives to changing the world,  
Let us join together in the struggle,  
Together on the side of love.*

**If I Had a Hammer**  
by Pete Seeger and Lee Hays

If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning  
I'd hammer in the evening, all over this land  
I'd hammer out danger, I'd hammer out a warning  
I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land

If I had a bell, I'd ring it in the morning  
I'd ring it in the evening, all over this land  
I'd ring out danger, I'd ring out a warning  
I'd ring out love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land

If I had a song, I'd sing it in the morning  
I'd sing it in the evening, all over this land  
I'd sing out danger, I'd sing out a warning  
I'd sing out love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land

Well I got a hammer and I got a bell  
And I got a song to sing all over this land  
It's the hammer of justice, it's the bell of freedom  
It's a song about love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land

It's the hammer of justice, it's the bell of freedom  
It's a song about love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land