

A Fierce Love for Trans Youth

Order of Service

February 12, 2023

I see their spirit, their courage, their heart They need vocal allies, me for a start They need sturdy defenders, stood by their side Telling the world they are perfect, they don't need to hide.

—from Finding My Fierce by an anonymous mother for their trans child

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 Camp Lilac

Written by some of Ohio's trans youth Performed by Kevyn Breedon

Words of Gathering Elaine Bowen, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting adapted from *Until All Means All*by Erika Hewitt

The chalice, as a symbol of Unitarian Universalism, arose as a sign of promise that anyone who is marginalized will not be forgotten nor ignored, especially LGBTQIA+ people, because you are whole, beloved and precious seen as you are by the Holy.

As we light our chalice, may it be a symbol of our promise to draw the circle wide; a sign that we will not rest until "all" means all.

Opening Hymn #170 We Are a Gentle, Angry People, adapted

Reflecting on Justice January Colleen Thoele

Director of Religious Education

Presentation to PFLAG UUCK Children and Youth

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 sharing our sorrows and losses, pastoral prayer, and sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation Rav Drum Solo #1, by Hal Walker

Reflecting

Reading Finding My Fierce

by an anonymous mother for their trans child

Hymn of Affirmation #1053 How Could Anyone

Reflection A Fierce Love for Trans Youth

Kevyn Breedon

Returning

Offering Love's Rage and Grief

lyrics by Jeannette M. Lindholm; music 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 #1017 Building a New Way

Benediction



Activities & Events: February 12 - 19, 2023

https://kentuu.org/calendar/

Feb. 12 Sunda

10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Social Hour

11:00 AM Environmental Justice Meeting

12:30 PM Euchre Card Group 1:00 PM MET / Board Meeting

Feb. 13 Monday 6:00 PM OWL

Feb. 14 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:00 PM Generosity Team

Feb. 15 Wednesday

For more information, read the e-nUUs: kentuu.org/news/announcements-events/ Feb. 16 Thursday

6:30 PM Committee on Shared Ministry

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

Friday Feb. 17

Winter Hogwarts Session All-church Potluck Dinner 6:00 PM

Feb. 18 Saturday

8:00 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved Winter Hogwarts Session

Feb. 19 Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday Worship Social Hour 11:00 AM

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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 trans and cis together...

We are a fiercely loving people...

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.

Building a New Way

We are building a new way. We are building a new way. We are building a new way feeling stronger ev'ry day. We are building a new way.

We are working to be free. We are working to be free. We are working to be free of hate and greed and jealousy. We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need. We can feed our every need. We can feed our every need. Start with love, that is the seed. We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.
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Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.