Love is the Center

equity

generosity

interdependence

pluralism



justice

evolution



26 February 2023 Rev. Steven Protzman Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Love is the Center

Order of Service

February 26, 2023

A Living Tradition is not bequeathed through some law of inheritance; it must be earned, not without dust and heat, and not without humbling grace.

—James Luther Adams

Gathering

Music for Gathering Whoever You Are

words by the Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church music by Katie Grigg-Miller

Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Supporting Our Community The Generosity Team

Chime

Prelude Fur Elise, by Ludwig van Beethoven

performed by Benny Hovancsek

Words of Gathering Kathy Kerns, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting adapted from James Vila Blake

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.

This is our great covenant:

To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love,

to help one another,

and to bring about the Beloved Community.

Opening Hymn #1000 Morning Has Come

Time for All Ages

An Archaeological Adventure

Rev. Steven Protzman

Singing our Children, Caregivers, and Teachers to Their Classes

Go On Your Way in Peace by Hal Walker

Reflecting

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

Show Us How to Love by Mark A. Miller and Lindy Thompson performed by the Okay Chorale

UUA Bylaws Article II Section C2

A Pop Quiz

Readings

Question: What do you know about Article II?

an excerpt from Earthseed. by Octavia Butler

Hymn of Affirmation Ours is a Simple Faith

Sermon Love is the Center

Rev. Steven Protzman

Returning

Offering

Unitarian-Universalist (video) by Hal Walker and Margot Milcetich, arr. Mike Elkins performed by Hal Walker, Vanessa Vesely and Blaine Vesely

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 March 5, 2023 What is a Unitarian Universalist? Led by CLM Kathy Kerns and Worship Associate Rev. Steven Protzman

Activities & Events: February 26 - March 5, 2023

https://kentuu.org/calendar/

Feb. 26 Sunday 8:30 AM Auction Team 10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Social Hour 11:00 AM

11:30 AM Advanced Directive Workshop

Feb. 27 Monday

9:00 AM Generosity Team

6:00 PM OWL

Feb. 28 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

March 1 Wednesday

6:00 PM Sacred Song Circle 6:30 PM Journey of Belonging March 2 Thursday

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

March 3 Friday

Saturday March 4

8:00 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved

March 5 Sunday

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

11:15 AM Music Dir. Listening Session

11:30 AM Discussion on Changes to the

UU Principles

For more information, read the e-nUUs; kentuu.org/news/announcements-events/

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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.

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. (2x)

You know we hold you. We hold you. Yes, we hold you.

Ours is a Simple Faith

by David Tamulevich

Chorus: Ours is a simple faith
Life is a short embrace

Heaven is in this place every day

Hope is the ground we till. Make each day what you will.

Thankful for dreams fulfilled. every day.

There is no Hell to fear. No judgment day drawing near. Trust that inner voice you hear, every day... Life's not a goal or race. It's about heart and faith, And living a life of grace, every day.

Chorus

Trust is an open hand, making an honest stand. Rooted in the land, every day...
Live in the mystery, seeking the harmony,
Here between you and me, every day.

Chorus

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