

There Is a Love Holding Us



5 February 2023
Lori Mirkin-McGee, CLM
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

January 29, 2023

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

– Margaret J. Wheatley

Gathering

Music for Gathering *Trad. Irish and Scottish, Celtic Clan of Kent*

Welcome Lori Mirkin-McGee, Commissioned Lay Minister

Chime

Prelude *There is a Love*
words by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, adpt., music by Elizabeth Norton
performed by Hal Walker

Words of Gathering Elaine Bowen, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

Love Is Our Greatest Purpose by Jay E Abernathy, Jr

We affirm that love is our greatest purpose.
Accepting one another is the truest form of faithful living.
The search for truth is our constant star.
We pledge our hearts, minds, and hands:
To challenge injustice with courage;
To find hope in times of fear;
And to live out our Unitarian Universalist values
every day as a beloved community.
Thus do we covenant with each other
and with all that is sacred in life.

Opening Hymn #1031 *Filled with Loving Kindness*

Time for All Ages *The Invisible Web*
by Patrice Karst, illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Singing the Children to their classrooms 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,
and pastoral prayer

Music Meditation

I Choose Love
by Mark A. Miller and Lindy Thompson
The Okay Chorale

Sharing our Joys, Wonder and Awe

Hymn of Community

There is a Love
words by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, adpt., music by Elizabeth

Reflecting

Reading

I Want to Be with People
by Dana E. Worsnop

Reflection Hymn

#1004 *Busca el Amor*

Reading

In Love, by Charles Thomas

Sermon

Lori Mirkin-McGee

Returning

Offering

Love Reaches Out
by Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow

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

Love Astounding, words by Jeannette M. Lindholm

Benediction

Postlude

Celtic Clan of Kent



Next Sunday February 12, 2023

A Fierce Love for Trans Youth

Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

Activities & Events: February 5 - 12, 2023

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

Feb. 5 Sunday

8:30 AM Auction Team
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour/
4:45 PM UUYJ Community Meal

Feb. 6 Monday

6:00 PM OWL

Feb. 7 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Retirees Gathering
6:00 PM RE Committee
6:30 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

Feb. 8 Wednesday

Feb. 9 Thursday

6:00 PM RE Volunteer Info Session
6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Feb. 10 Friday

Feb. 11 Saturday

8:00 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved
2:00 PM Hogwarts Prefect Gathering

Feb. 12 Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
11:00 AM Environmental Justice Meeting
12:30 PM Euchre Card Group

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

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#1031 *Filled with Loving Kindness*

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be peaceful and at ease.
May I be whole.

May you be filled ...

May we be filled ...

There is a Love

words by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, adpt.,
music by Elizabeth Norton

There is a Love holding me.
There is a Love holding all that I love.
There is a Love holding all.
I rest in this Love.

There is a Love holding us.
There is a Love holding all that we love.
There is a Love holding all.
We rest in this Love. We rest in this Love.

#1004 *Busca el Amor (Seek out the Love)*

Chorus (English translation):

Seek out the love in you,
And find the joy that comes to those who care.
Seek out the love in you.
It only grows whenever it is shared.
Seek out the love in you,
And find the joy that comes to those who care.
Seek out the love in you.
It only grows whenever it is shared.
Seek out the love in you, in you.

Chorus (Spanish):

Busca el amor en ti.
Se multiplica si lo repartís.
Busca el amor en ti.
Sólo él que ama puede ser feliz.
Busca el amor en ti.
Se multiplica si lo repartís.
Busca el amor en ti.
Sólo él que ama puede ser feliz.
Busca el amor en ti, en ti.

Love Astounding

words by Jeannette M. Lindholm

Love astounding, Love confounding limits fearful minds impose.
Love renewing, Love pursuing every heart until it knows
Love's transforming, healing goodness, Love's abiding gentle
grace,
Love's endurance, Love's assurance, Love's consoling strong
embrace.

Love receiving, Love believing, we rejoice with thanks and song,
faith regaining, hope proclaiming; Love has taught us, we belong
safe within Love's tender keeping, safe from fear's persistent call.
Love defending, Love unending, Love is here enfolding all.