

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Rev. Steven Protzman

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26 March 2023



How to Build a Bridge



How to Build a Bridge

Order of Service

March 26, 2023

May the bridges you build be high enough to reach the stars
Yet low enough to smell the flowers or touch the tear of a child
May it provide shelter and protection from
May it last a life time should

should you need rest
the elements of life
you need to come home

—Anon.

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Whoever You Are
words by the Jefferson Unitarian Church
music by Katie Grigg-Miller

*Whoever you are, we welcome you.
Wherever you're from, we welcome you.
Whomever you love, we welcome you.
We welcome you, every one!*

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Clay Whistle Improvisation, by Mike Hovancsek

Words of Gathering

Colleen Thoele
Director of Religious Education

Chalice Lighting

by Susan Davison Archer

The earth is warming, the birdsong increases, the sweeter breezes
brush our cheeks, and the earth holds hope in its seeds and buds.

Come, let us light our chalice this morning with joyful noise, with warm
hearts, and with hopeful spirits, for we are one with the renewal of the
earth and held in the love of one another.

Opening Hymn

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How to Build a Bridge

Prologue: *Welcome to the Village*

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

Hymn of Community

#346 *Come, Sing a Song with Me*

Part I: *Disaster Strikes*

Music Interlude

Love Can Build a Bridge
by John Jarvis, Naomi Judd, and Paul Overstreet
performed by Maralee Ash and Katie Grigg-Miller

Part II: *We Need a Bridge*

Hymn of Possibility

#1023 *Building Bridges*

Part III: *The New Bridge*

Offering

Woven Together, The Okay Chorale
based on a Sacred Harp melody by B.F. White
text and arr. by Jacob J. Narverud

*Let us join as one, together, now in thankfulness and praise,
as we count the many blessings woven into all our days.*

We are willing, we are able, we are hopeful, we are strong.

May we know the ground we're standing on is the ground where we belong.

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*I will sing a song of triumph, having lived a life that's free,
joining hands with those before me, then, for all eternity.*

Returning

Part IV: *Welcome Spring!*

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

#61 *Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*

Benediction



Next Sunday, April 2, 2023

Welcome Home

Led by Rev. Steven Protzman with Worship Associate David Weaver

Activities & Events: March 26 – April 2, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

March 26 Sunday

8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
11:30 AM Worship Arts Team
11:30 AM Board Breaking News

March 27 Monday

6:00 PM OWL

March 28 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
11:30 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved
7:00 PM Build Your Own Theology

March 29 Wednesday

1:15 PM Race4Justice Action Team
7:00 PM Search Team

March 30 Thursday

March 31 Friday

6:30 PM Middle School Hangout

April 1 Saturday

April 2 Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
4:45 PM UUYJ Community Meal
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

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Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;
circle of kinship, come and step inside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word;
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Here we have gathered, called to celebrate
days of our lifetime, matters small and great:
we of all ages, women, children, men,
infants and sages, sharing what we can.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Life has its battles, sorrows and regret:
but in the shadows, let us not forget:
we who now gather know each other's pain;
kindness can heal us: as we give we gain.
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

#346 *Come, Sing a Song with Me*

Come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
that I might know your mind.

Refrain: And I'll bring you hope,
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
that I might know your mind.

Refrain

Come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
that I might know your mind.

Refrain

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Come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
that I might know your mind.

#1023 *Building Bridges*

Building bridges between our divisions,
I reach out to you, will you reach out to me?
With all of our voices and all of our visions,
friends, we could make such sweet harmony.

#61 *Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*

Lo, the earth awakes again- Alleluia!
from the winter's bond and pain. Alleluia!
Bring we leaf and flower and spray- Alleluia!
to adorn this festive day. Alleluia!

Once again the word comes true, Alleluia!
All the earth shall be made new. Alleluia!
Now the dark, cold days are o'er, Alleluia!
Spring and gladness are before. Alleluia!

Change, then, mourning into praise, Alleluia!
And, for dirges, anthems raise. Alleluia!
How our spirits soar and sing, Alleluia!
How our hearts leap with the spring. Alleluia!