



# A Community of Resistance

Order of Service April 30, 2023

This common world I love anew as the lifeblood of generations who refused to surrender their humanity in an inhumane world courses through my veins. From within this world my despair is transformed to hope and I begin anew the legacy of caring.

-Thandeka

## Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude *My Heart is Ready,* by Cindy Kallet sung by Saunis Parsons

Chalice Lighting and Congregational Covenant

Kathy Kerns Worship Associate

We affirm that each life has brilliance and, when joined with others in joyful community, has the power to transform. We pledge ourselves and our resources to this journey. This covenant inspires and challenges us to dwell together in right relationship.

We promise to extend hospitality, nurture community for all ages, encourage spiritual growth, honor diversity, and practice kindness.

Opening Hymn We Shall Be Known (video) by MaMuse, performed by Hal Walker

A Blessing and a Bridge Graduate: Jaime Vesely
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Singing our Children, Caregivers, and Teachers to Their Classes

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.

#### 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 Intermezzo in E Major Op. 116, No. 4

by J. Brahms performed by Vanessa Vesely

Reflection Kathy Kerns

Reflection Hymn #1017 Building a New Way

Reading an excerpt from A House For Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty First Century

by John Buehrens and Rebecca Parker

Reflection A Community of Resistance
Rev. Steven Protzman

Returning

Offering Bound for Freedom (video)
by Emma's Revolution

performed by Hal Walker

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 #1028 The Fire of Commitment

Benediction

## Activities & Events: April 30 - May 7, 2023

https://kentuu.org/calendar kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

## April 30 Sunday

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

11:00 AM UUYJ

11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### May 1 Monday

6:00 PM OWL

### May 2 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:00 PM Retiree's Gathering

7:00 PM Build Your Own Theology

## May 3 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, etc. 6:30 PM Journey of Belonging

#### May 4 Thursday

### May 5 Friday

9:00 AM Hobbs Hall & Kitchen Reserved

## May 6 Saturday

3:30 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

5:30 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved

5:30 PM Service Auction

#### May 7 Sunday

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

4:30 PM UUYJ

Community Meal 4:45 PM

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(yellow house) next to the church building



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## My Heart is Ready by Cindy Kallet

My heart is ready and what am I gonna do, My heart is ready and what am I gonna do, My heart is ready and what am I gonna do, Oh God, my heart is ready and what am I gonna do?

My feet are ready...

My voice is ready...

My hands are ready...

My spirit's ready...

My heart is ready...

## We Shall Be Known by MaMuse

We shall be known by the company we keep By the ones who circle round to tend these fires We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love

(Repeat)

## #1017 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. Peace and freedom is our cry. Peace and freedom is our cry. Without these this world will die. Peace and freedom is our cry.

#### #1028 The Fire of Commitment

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear

Refrain: When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty

## Refrain

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

## Refrain