



*Messengers
of Love*



14 May 2023
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Messengers of Love

Order of Service

May 14, 2023

Infinite Spirit of Life, we ask your blessing on these, your messengers of love. May they remind us, amid diversities of knowledge and of gifts, to be one in desire and affection.

—Rev. Norbert Capek

Gathering

Music for Gathering Traditional Indian raga
Rupam Ghosh, North Indian Violin

Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude *Suswagatam*
Rupam Ghosh, violin; Mike Hovancsek, koto

Chalice Lighting adapted from Michael Boblett
Lori Mirkin-McGee, Worship Associate

Leader: Blessed be the flower that triumphs at last
In wonder over the snows, over the centuries,
restoring to the world beauty, vision and joy.

All: Blessed be this flame as it triumphs at last
In wonder over hopelessness, over darkness,
Restoring to the world beauty, vision and joy.

Opening Hymn *#38 Morning Has Broken*

Reflecting

Story Part I: *A Simple Church*

The story of Rev. Norbert Capek and the Prague Unitarian Church

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

Hymn of Community *#352 Find a Stillness*

A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses, pastoral prayer,
and sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation *Daan*
Rupam Ghosh, violin; Mike Hovancsek, koto

Story Part II: *Messengers of Love*

Flower Sharing Hymn *#63 Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers*
sung to "Good King Wenceslaus"

Flower Blessing Rev. Norbert Capek

A Ritual of Flower Sharing

Music *Guldasta*
Rupam Ghosh, violin; Mike Hovancsek, koto and percussion

Returning

Offering *The Flowers of Purpose*, by Katie Grigg-Miller
performed by Katie Grigg-Miller and Brad Bolton, guitar

Honoring and Thanking our Pro Tem Music Director

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 *#21 For the Beauty of the Earth*, adapted

Benediction

Postlude *Aalvida*
Rupam Ghosh, violin and Mike Hovancsek, koto



Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 10 AM in Hobbs Hall
On Friendship
Led by Heidi Shaffer Bish and Randy Bish

Activities & Events: May 14 - 21, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

May 14 Sunday

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

May 15 Monday

9:30 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved
6:00 PM OWL

May 16 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

May 17 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, etc.
7:00 PM RE Committee

May 18 Thursday

7:00 PM Covenant Group
7:00 PM Community Sing – Fessenden Hall

May 19 Friday

3:00 PM Rental – Hobbs Hall Reserved

May 20 Saturday

9:30 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved
12:30 PM OWL Retreat

May 21 Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday Worship
10:30 AM UUYJ
11:00 AM Social Hour
4:00 PM Auction Dinner

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#38 *Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

#352 *Find a Stillness*

Find a stillness, hold a stillness, let the stillness carry me.
Find the silence, hold the silence, let the silence carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.

Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the essence carry me.
Let me flower, help me flower, watch me flower, carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.

#63 *Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers*

sung to "Good King Wenceslaus"

Spring has now unwrapped the flowers, day is fast reviving,
life in all her growing powers toward the light is striving.
Gone the iron touch of cold, winter time and frost time,
seedlings working through the mold now make up for lost time.

Herb and plant, that winter long, slumbered at their leisure,
now bestirring green and strong, find in growth their pleasure.
All the world with beauty fills, gold the green enhancing;
flowers make glee among the hills, set the meadows dancing.

#21 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

(vs. 3 and 4 adapted)

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and plain and sea and riv'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the lotus, noble bloom, for the rose and tulips bright,
For the sunflowers and the mums, all the flow'rs that bring delight:
Source of all, to these we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.