



JUNETEENTH:

With Hope of Liberty and Justice for All



18 June 2023

Guest Preacher Alberita Johnson

Rev. Steven Protzman

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Juneteenth: With Hope of Liberty and Justice for All

Order of Service

June 18, 2023

O, let my land be a land where Liberty
Is crowned with no false patriotic wreath,
But opportunity is real, and life is free,
Equality is in the air we breathe.

—Langston Hughes

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Lifting As We Climb (video)
by Lea Morris

Chalice Lighting

by Adrian L.H. Graham

Leader: We kindle a flame of power, illuminating the Holy in each of our faces.

All: We recognize in the flame a passionate commitment to our shared faith.

Leader: We are held and carried from day to day, week to week, in the shining of the light.

All: This flame is mine, as well as yours. We are brought together on this day, called to growth, to expansion, within its glow.

Leader: What does your heart know while beholding this holy fire?

Opening Hymn

#1018 Come and Go with Me
Diane Cardew, Song Leader
Vanessa Vesely, UUCK Accompanist

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 *Through Moanin' Pines*, by H. T. Burleigh
Vanessa Vesely, UUCK Accompanist

Readings *Equality in a Sea of Inequality*
by Peggy Clarke

Free at Last: Juneteenth Poem
by Sojourner Kincaid Rolle

Reflection Hymn #153 *Oh, I Woke Up This Morning*

Sermon *Juneteenth: With Hope of Liberty and Justice For All*
Alberita Johnson, Guest Preacher

Returning

Offering *Resilience* (video)
by Abbie Betinis
performed by the Cleveland Chamber Choir

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 #149 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Benediction



Sunday, June 25, 2023
Honoring Mary Oliver: UU Patron Poet
Led by CLM Lori Mirkin-McGee

Activities & Events: June 18-25, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

June 18 Sunday

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

June 19 Monday

Church Office Closed

June 20 Tuesday

Church Office Closed

June 21 Wednesday

Church Office Closed/ General Assembly
Summer Hogwarts
4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, etc.

June 22 Thursday

Church Office Closed/ General Assembly
Summer Hogwarts

June 23 Friday

Church Office Closed/ General Assembly
Summer Hogwarts

June 24 Saturday

General Assembly
Summer Hogwarts

June 25 Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
General Assembly
Summer Hogwarts

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#1018 Come and Go With Me

Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land
where I'm bound. (repeat)

There'll be freedom in that land,
There'll be freedom in that land,
There'll be freedom in that land
where I'm bound. (repeat)

There'll be justice in that land,
There'll be justice in that land,
There'll be justice in that land
where I'm bound. (repeat)

There'll be singing in that land,
There'll be singing in that land,
There'll be singing in that land
where I'm bound. (repeat)

#153 Oh, I Woke Up This Morning

Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom.
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom.
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom,
Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia.

I was walking and talking with my mind stayed on freedom.
Walking and talking with my mind stayed on freedom.
Walking and talking with my mind stayed on freedom,
Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia.

I was singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom.
Singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom.
Singing and praying with my mind stayed on freedom,
Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia.

Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom.
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom.
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom,
Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia.

Offertory, used with permission:

Resilience, by Abbie Betinis
Cleveland Chamber Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mimM4uxjE-Y>

#149 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,
thou who hast by thy might
led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.