

A Spiritual Backpack for the Journey



30 July 2023
Kathy Kerns, CLM
Unitarian Universalist
Church of Kent



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Order of Service

July 30, 2023

Oh, the places you'll go!

-Dr. Suess

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Kathy Kerns
Commissioned Lay Minister

Chime

Prelude

Sonata No. 349
by Domenico Scarlatti
Vanessa Veseley, piano

Words of Gathering

Randy Bish, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting and Church Covenant

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,

#1000 *Morning Has Come*
Hymn leader: Katie Grigg-Miller

Reading

Walking Toward Morning
by Victoria Safford

Part I: A Spiritual Backpack for the Journey

Kathy Kerns

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses,
and pastoral prayer. Prayer by Lyn Cox

Music Meditation

I Am Willing
by Holly Near
Saunis Parsons

Sharing Our Joys, Wonder and Awe

Hymn of Community

#1009 *Meditation on Breathing*
Hymn leader: Katie Grigg-Miller

Reading

Helpers, Teachers, Angels
by Sue Ferguson

Part II: What Might we Bring?

Blessing

Offering

We Journey on Together
written and performed by Katie Grigg-Miller

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

#368 *Now Let Us Sing*
Hymn leader: Katie Grigg-Miller

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending (video)

Go On Your Way in Peace
by Hal Walker
Golden Tones Junior Choir



Sunday, August 6, 2023
Blessings of the Harvest
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Heidi Sumser

Activities & Events: July 30 – August 6, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

July 30 Sunday

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

July 31 Monday

Church Office Closed

Aug. 1 Tuesday

12:00 PM Retiree's Gathering
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
3:45 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

Aug. 2 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, etc.
6:00 PM Sacred Song Circle

Aug. 3 Thursday

3:45 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

Aug. 4 Friday

Aug. 5 Saturday

Aug. 6 Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
2:00 PM Board Retreat
4:45 PM UUYJ Community Meal

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Visit our website.



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#1000, Morning Has Come

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.
Wonder fills this moment shared together.
The light of peace here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

#1009 *Meditation on Breathing*

When I breathe in,
I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out,
I'll breathe out love.

Breathe in, Breathe out,
Breathe in, Breathe out

#368 *Now Let Us Sing*

Now let us sing, sing, sing	Sing to the power of the faith within.
Now let us sing, sing, sing	Sing to the power of the faith within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;	Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
sing to the power of the faith within.	sing to the power of the faith within.

Sing to the power of the hope within ...

Sing to the power of the love within. ...

Sing to the power of the joy within. ...