

*Where
the Waters
Meet*



*27 August 2023
Rev. Steven Protzman
Rev. Will Humphrey
UU Church of Kent/Eastshore UU Church*

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Order of Service

August 27, 2023

Now is the time of gathering.
From the scattered drops and
rivulets of our individual lives we come together.
May we each be lifted up, may we pour ourselves out,
receiving and sharing the blessings of this time and place.
—Tom Rhodes

Gathering

Music for Gathering	<i>Prayers for Freedom</i> , by Sarah Nutting Emily Hall, ukulele and vocals
Welcome	Rev. Steven Protzman Minister, UU Church of Kent
Chime	
Prelude	<i>The Course</i> , by Ayla Nereo Katie Grigg-Miller and Emily Hall, vocals
Chalice Lighting	adapted from Katie Gelfand Rev. Will Humphrey Minister, Eastshore UU Church

We gather together to celebrate our fountains of joy;
to hold each other through storms of grief;
to guide one another through rapids of transformation;
to rest together on ponds of stillness.
As we light our chalice, symbol of our reunion,
we honor the spirit of water,
its many forms, and its life-giving essence.

Opening Hymn	<i>#66 When the Summer Sun is Shining</i>
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The Water Ceremony

Time for All Ages	<i>Water Dance</i> , by Thomas Locker Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education UU Church of Kent
Water Ceremony Hymn	<i>#1007 There's a River Flowin' in My Soul</i>

The Story of the Water Ceremony

Choir Anthem

Song of the River, by Mark Patterson
Eastshore and Kent Combined Choirs
led by Music Directors Mary Bender and Emily Hall
Vanessa Vesely, Piano

Pouring the Waters of Storm and Struggle
Pouring the Waters of Scarcity
Pouring the Waters of Renewal and Healing
Pouring the Waters of Community

During the water ceremony the Eastshore and Kent Combined Choirs
will perform *The River*, by Coco Love Alcorn

Responsive Reading (insert)

Blessing of the Waters

Returning

Offering

Over the Rainbow/What A Wonderful World
by Arlen Harold, E.Y. Harburg, Robert Thiele, and George Weiss
Rev. Will Humphrey and Emily Hall, ukulele

*Today's offering will be gratefully received for the outreach organization,
World Central Kitchen Incorporated, an organization that provides meals
in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises.*

For more information, visit: <https://wck.org>

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

#100 I've Got Peace Like a River

Benediction

*Our appreciation goes to: our accompanists this morning,
Kerry Norman (Eastshore UU) and Vanessa Vesely (UU Church of Kent),
and to the tech team, Julie Swango and Jennifer May (UU Church of Kent).*



Sunday, September 3, 2023

*UU Church of Kent: Guest House
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Kathy Kerns*

*Eastshore UU: The theme will be Welcome.
Welcome to a place never tread before.
Led by Rev. Will Humphrey*

Activities & Events: August 27 – Sept. 3, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Aug. 27 Sunday

10:03 AM Sunday Worship
11:30 AM Picnic
11:30 AM R4J Brainstorming Session
3:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

Aug. 28 Monday

Church Office Closed

Aug. 29 Tuesday

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Aug. 30 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, Needle Point

Aug. 31 Thursday

6:45 PM Board of Trustees
7:00 PM Community Sing

Sept. 1 Friday

8:00 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved

Sept. 2 Saturday

12:00 PM Membership Team

Sept. 3 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
4:45 PM Community Meal

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Church Office: The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex
(yellow house) next to the church building

Visit our website.



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#66 When the Summer Sun is Shining

When the summer sun is shining over golden land and sea,
and the flowers in the hedge-row welcome butterfly and bee;
then my open heart is glowing, full of warmth for everyone,
and I feel an inner beauty which reflects the summer sun.

When the summer clouds of thunder bring the long awaited rain,
and the thirsty soil is moistened and the grass is green again;
then I long for summer sunshine, but I know that clouds and tears
are a part of life's refreshment, like the rainbow's hopes and fears.

In the cool of summer evening, when the dancing insects play,
and in garden, street and meadow linger echoes of the day;
then my heart is full of yearning; hopes and mem'ries flood the whole
of my being, reaching inwards to the corners of my soul.

#1007 There's a River Flowin' in My Soul

There's a river flowin' in my soul.
There's a river flowin' in my soul.
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody
There's a river flowin' in my soul.

There's a river flowin' in my heart.
There's a river flowin' in my heart.
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody
There's a river flowin' in my heart.

There's a river flowin' in my mind.
There's a river flowin' in my mind.
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody
There's a river flowin' in my mind.

Blessing the Waters and the Community

Responsive Reading

Leader: The waters are tranquil:

When we affirm the interconnectedness of people everywhere;
When we express our commitment to this community and to
the earth in ways that call forth beauty and generate strength;
And when we minister to each other with compassion.

All: May our waters be peaceful and our sailing smooth.

Leader: The waters rush...

When we embrace our imagination and our creativity ...
...our power to unveil our old ways of thinking and to create
new visions.

All: May we ride the waves with a sense of joy, freedom and fun.

Leader: The waters shine...

When we use our powers wisely, and for the good.
When we question and doubt...
When we challenge ourselves to understand ourselves and
the world around us.

All: May our waters sparkle, inspire and illuminate.

Leader: And when the waters storm...

We consecrate our energy and loyalty, to signify that we
place ourselves -- hearts, minds and hands -- at the service
of something larger than ourselves.

*All: May the Spirit that is Love hold us and may this community
nourish us as our journey together continues and we
continue to serve one another and the world with a vision of
the Beloved Community we can create together. May it be
so!*

#100 I've Got Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
(Repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
(Repeat)

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
(Repeat)

I've got tears like the raindrops,
I've got tears like the raindrops,
I've got tears like the raindrops in my soul.
(Repeat)

I've got strength like a mountain,
I've got strength like a mountain,
I've got strength like a mountain in my soul.
(Repeat)

