

Blessings of the Harvest



6 August 2023
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Blessings of the Harvest

Order of Service

August 6, 2023

Bless this body, this breath
this good earth, this new day
May our dreams of days and years to come
be blessed by the radiant golden sun.
May abundance be a constant friend
by our hearths 'til winter's end.

—Caroline Mellor

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome and Chime

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Prelude

Lammass Chant, by Rev. Selena Fox
used by permission of Rev. Selena Fox, Senior Minister, Circle Sanctuary,
a global Nature Spirituality church near Barneveld, Wisconsin USA

Nature's Bounty, by Sharon Knight
Emily Hall, Transitional Music Director

Chalice Lighting

adapted from *A Harvest of Gratitude*, by Percival Chubb
Heidi Sumser, Worship Associate

Leader: Once more the fields have ripened to harvest, and the fruitful
earth has fulfilled the promise of spring.

*All: The work of those who labor has been rewarded: They have sown
and reaped, planted and gathered.*

Leader: How rich and beautiful is the bounty gathered: the golden grain
and clustered corn, the grapes of purple and green,

*All: the crimson apples and yellow pears, and all the colors of orchard
and garden, vineyard and field.*

Leader: From the harvest of the soil we are given occasion to garner a
harvest of the heart and mind:

*All: A harvest of resolve to be careful stewards of all life's gifts and
opportunities.*

Leader: A harvest of reverence for the wondrous power and life at work
in things that grow, and in the soul.

*All: A harvest of gratitude for every good which we enjoy, and of
fellowship for all who are sustained by earth's beauty.*

Opening Hymn

#66 *When the Summer Sun is Shining*

Reflecting

A Story

The Little Purple Hen: Part I
including *The Story of Lammas*

Reflection Hymn

So We Go, by Pat DeSimio

A Guided Meditation

A time of sharing joys and sorrows and reflecting on Lammas

Music Meditation

Le Cygne, by Camille Saint-Saëns
Emily Hall, Flute; Vanessa Vesely, piano

A Story

The Little Purple Hen: Part II
including *Lammas Blessing*, by Caroline Mellor

Sharing Bread

Returning

Offering

Thankful, by Beth Hart
Emily Hall, vocals; Vanessa Vesely, piano

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*

Benediction



Sunday, August 13, 2023
Faithfully Becoming: But What Exactly?
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

Activities & Events: August 6 - 13, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Aug. 6 Sunday

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

Aug. 7 Monday

Church Office Closed

Aug. 8 Tuesday

1:00 PM Volunteer Team Meeting
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Annex Reserved

Aug. 9 Wednesday

10:00 AM Leadership Development Com.
4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, etc.
7:00 PM Worship Arts Team

Aug. 10 Thursday

1:45 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved
3:30 PM Ministry Executive Team

Aug. 11 Friday

Aug. 12 Saturday

9:00 AM Leadership Essentials Workshop

Aug. 13 Sunday

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

Church Address: Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent
228 Gougler Avenue, Kent, OH 44240.

Office – 330.673.4247

Email – churchoffice@kentuu.org

On the web – <https://kentuu.org>

Facebook - www.facebook.com/uuchurchofkent

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

Visit our website.



CHURCH STAFF

Minister
Accompanist
Congregational Administrator
Campus Use Manager
Dir. of Religious Education
Transitional Music Director
Nursery Staff
Sexton
Tech Manager
Affiliated Community Minister
Affiliated Community Minister
Commissioned Lay Minister (CLM)
Commissioned Lay Minister (CLM)

Rev. Steven Protzman
Vanessa Vesely
MaryBeth Hannan
Katie Kuras
Colleen Thoele
Emily Hall
Michelle Bores
Brian Mulloy
Julie Swango
Rev. Renee Ruchotzke
Rev. Christie Anderson
Lori Mirkin-McGee
Kathy Kerns

revsteven@kentuu.org
churchoffice@kentuu.org
rentals@kentuu.org
colleen@kentuu.org
emily@kentuu.org
sexton@kentuu.org
tech@kentuu.org
ruchotzke@uua.org

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2022 – 2023

Board Moderator
Board Asst. Moderator
Board Co-Secretary
Board Co-Secretary
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee

Kara Kramer
Ginny Horvath
Susanna Smart
Carol Weigand
Heidi Shaffer Bish
Kay Eckman
David Weaver

board@kentuu.org

Lammas Chant

by Rev. Selena Fox

Now is the time when the harvest comes again,
So sing and dance until night's end
Praising the powers on whom we depend

Nature's Bounty

By Sharon Knight

Lets give thanks for the bounty of the harvest
The Barley King has bowed his head
Let's give thanks for the beauty all around us
Pour the wine and break the bread!

Oh – Pass the horn of plenty
Oh - Thanks be for nature's bounty

#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.

So We Go

by Pat DeSimio

Come as the summer turns t'ward autumn;
Come as the long-night stars climb high'r.
Come as time's unceasing turning
Wheels us 'round 'round the harvest fire.

Refrain: So we go
From daylight toward the night.
So we go,
Turning on through life.

Come as the sun turns bearded barley
From soft green to a brazen bronze.
Come as the sunflow'rs rest their heads
In the peace of sleep while the sun spins on.

Refrain

Come as mistakes turn into wisdom;
Come as the rash become the sage.
Come as the blooms of youth grow into
The feast and seed of our autumn days.

#21 For the Beauty of the Earth

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 vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee 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.