

TO BUILD



THE
Common
Good



10 SEPTEMBER 2023
REV. STEVEN PROZMAN
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF KENT

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To Build the Common Good

Order of Service

September 10, 2023

we're gonna need to get organized
live beyond boundaries
soften our hearts
talk to each other

—Naima Penniman

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Rising of Breath, by T. Thorn Coyle
Sacred Song Circle Singers

Chalice Lighting

Congregational Covenant
David Weaver, Worship Associate

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 (insert)

We Shall be Known, by MaMuse

Time for All Ages

Commissioning our Religious Education Teachers
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Singing our Children, Caregivers, and Teachers to Their Classes

Thank you
by Barbara Dunn

You are the light of our lives. You are our hope for the future.
Your song fills the air with the love that you share, so thank you!
(repeat)

Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation *Duos gradués pour 2 flûtes, Op.145, No 1*
by Giuseppe Gariboldi
Alicia Patrice and Emily Hall, flute

Reading *Prerequisites for Preservation*
by Naima Penniman

Sermon: Part I *A People Divided*
Rev. Steven Protzman

Reflection Hymn (insert) #1017 *Building a New Way*

Responsive Reading (insert) *Covenant of Right Relations*

Sermon: Part II *To Build the Common Good*

Returning

Offering *Give Light*, by Greg Artzner
Renee and Randy Ruchotzke with Emily Hall, vocals

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 *Spirit, Make Us One*
words by Kendyl Gibbons; music by Jason Shelton

Benediction



Sunday, September 17, 2023
Finding Light
Led by our Unitarian Universalist Youth for Justice (UUYJ)

Activities & Events: Sept. 10 - 17, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Sept. 10 Sunday

8:30 AM Auction Team
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour

Sept. 11 Monday

Church Office Closed

Sept. 12 Tuesday

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Sept. 13 Wednesday

12:00 PM Rental – Hobbs Hall Reserved
4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, Needle Point

Sept. 14 Thursday

7:00 PM Community Sing

Sept. 15 Friday

Sept. 16 Saturday

12:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved –
Auction event

Sept. 17 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour

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Visit our website.



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We Shall Be Known

by MaMuse, www.mamuse.org

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love

(Repeat)

#1017 Building a New Way

We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way
feeling stronger ev'ry day.
We are building a new way.

We are working to be free.
We are working to be free.
We are working to be free
of hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need.
We can feed our every need.
We can feed our every need.
Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry.
Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.

UUCK Covenant of Right Relations

Responsive Reading

Leader: In order to live out our UU principles and respect the inherent worth and dignity of all people, we covenant to welcome discomfort:

Congregation: We will learn to welcome discomfort as a source of spiritual and personal growth and an opportunity to reflect, ask, connect, expand.

Leader: We covenant to manage conflict:

Congregation: We will identify and adhere to established mechanisms, and available procedures and resources by which we approach and handle conflict with others, as well as leadership.

Leader: We covenant to make space for disagreement:

Congregation: We will hold space for dissenting opinions, and to design meetings and agendas to allow for conflict and disagreement.

Leader: We covenant to take responsibility:

Congregation: We will speak for ourselves and take responsibility for our own actions.

Leader: We covenant to value diversity:

Congregation: We will believe our community is strong enough for different perspectives. We will look with curiosity for truths in minority views. We promise to listen thoughtfully to ideas from others, and to be conscious of and fully acknowledge others' emotions and interests, especially if we don't agree.

Leader: We covenant to move forward together:

Congregation: We will forgive the mistakes that others make and that we make ourselves as we learn to address conflict and disagreement. These things we promise, these things we covenant in love and mutual trust.

Spirit, Make Us One

words by Kendyl Gibbons; music by Jason Shelton

We proclaim a saving message, as in times of old;
Hist'ry, give us courage; make us bold.
There is healing, there is hope for ev'ry hurting soul;
Spirit, give us comfort; make us whole.
Make us bold, make us bold
Hist'ry, give us courage; make us bold.
Make us whole, make us whole
Spirit, give us comfort; make us whole.

Earth, receive our heart's thanksgiving, under prairie skies;
Nature, bless our yearning; make us wise.
We here for one another, in good times and bad;
Spirit, give us laughter; make us glad.
Make us wise, makes us wise
Nature, bless our yearning; make us wise.
Make us glad, make us glad
Spirit, give us laughter, make us glad.

Still let justice be the saving struggle we pursue;
Conscience, give us honor; make us true.
We bear witness to the promised future now begun;
Spirit, bless our journey; make us one.
Make us true, make us true
Conscience, give us honor; make us true.
Make us one, make us one
Spirit, bless our journey, make us one.

