



# *Finding Light*



Unitarian Universalist Youth for Justice  
September 17, 2023  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

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## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering (video)	<i>Whoever You Are</i> by Hal Walker
Welcome and Chime	Raylynn Rome
Prelude	Katie Hovancsek, piano
Chalice Lighting and Covenant	Jaime Vesely

Love is the Spirit of this church, and service is its law.  
This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love,  
and to help one another.

Covenant Response Hymn	<i>#396 I Know This Rose Will Open</i> (sung as a round)
Opening Words	Evi Rome
Opening Hymn	<i>#1017 Building a New Way</i>

## **Reflecting**

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion	Ilona Urbin and Ellen McWilliams-Woods
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*A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and concerns,  
prayer, and sharing our joys, wonder and awe*

Music Meditation	<i>The Water is Wide (Trad.)</i> Jaime Vesely
Time for All Ages	<i>Saturday at the Food Pantry</i> by Diane O'Neill, illustrated by Brizida Magro John Dawson Ranucci

Singing the Children to their Classes

Music Presentation (video) *Another Day in Paradise*  
by Phil Collins

Sermon Maya Kline, Abigail Ritondaro,  
and the voices of writers experiencing homelessness

Poetry/Writings from *Street Verses: Poems by the Homeless Writers  
and Vendors of Street Sense, Washington DC, 2007* and Street Sense  
Media online collection:

*As I Stand Alone* by August Mallory (Street Verses)  
*One Paycheck* by Chon Gotti (Street Sense Media)  
*Beautiful Black* by Nikila Smith (Street Sense Media)  
*Most Beautiful* by Chon Gotti (Street Sense Media)  
*Average* by Michelle McCullough (Street Verses)

Unity Hymn #118 *This Little Light of Mine*

### Returning

Offering Raylynn Rome

During the offering there will be a slide show  
with music *New Soul*, by Yael Naim

September's special offering is the the UU Youth for Justice.

Extinguishing the Chalice Evi Rome

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 *Give Light* by Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner

Benediction Evi Rome



*To Come Round Right*  
*Sunday, September 24, 2023*  
*Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen*

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## Activities & Events: Sept. 17 - 24, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

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### Sept. 17 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Social Hour

### Sept. 18 Monday

4:30 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved–  
LWV  
7:30 PM Annex Reserved–  
RE Committee

### Sept. 19 Tuesday

1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM Fessenden Reserved–  
Girl Scouts  
6:30 PM Committee on Shared Ministry

### Sept. 20 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, Needle Point

### Sept. 21 Thursday

1:15 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved–  
Stephanie Workman  
6:45 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved–  
Board Meeting  
7:00 PM Thursday Covenant Group

### Sept. 24 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Social Hour  
11:00 AM Town Hall

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### ***#396 I Know This Rose Will Open***

I know this rose will open.  
I know my fear will burn away.  
I know my soul will unfurl its wings.  
I know this rose will open.

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

## **#118 This Little Light of Mine**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### **Give Light**

by Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner

Give light and people will find the way  
Give light and people will find the way  
Give light and people will find the way  
People will find the way, I do believe

Teach peace and people will find the way  
Teach peace and people will find the way  
Teach peace and people will find the way  
People will find the way, I do believe

Stand together and people will find the way  
Stand together and people will find the way  
Stand together and people will find the way  
People will find the way, I do believe

Give hope and people will find the way  
Give hope and people will find the way  
Give hope and people will find the way  
People will find the way, I do believe

Give love and people will find the way  
Give love and people will find the way  
Give love and people will find the way  
People will find the way, I do believe