



# Our People, United

8 October 2023

Rev. Renee Ruchotzke

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

# ***Our People, United***

Order of Service

October 8, 2023

The Mission of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations:

*To equip congregations for vital ministry, to support and train leaders, both lay and professional, and to advance Unitarian Universalist values in the world.*

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering *Silent Awakening*, by Tina Malia  
performed by Heartsong: Mallory Heartsong, guitar and vocals;  
Dawn Heartsong, percussion; Emily Hall, uke and vocals

Welcome and Chime Heidi Shaffer Bish, Worship Associate

Prelude *One Voice*, by Ruth Moody  
performed by Heartsong: Mallory Heartsong, guitar and vocals;  
Dawn Heartsong, percussion; Emily Hall and Katie Grigg-Miller, vocals

Call to Worship Heidi Shaffer Bish, Worship Associate

Unison Chalice Lighting *The Chalice is a Symbol*, by Debra Faulk

A chalice lit in our midst is a symbol of our liberal faith,  
A faith built on the foundation of freedom, reason and tolerance  
A faith sustained by acts of kindness and justice  
A faith that visions a world flourishing with equality for all her people  
A faith that demands the living out of goodness  
A faith that requires thoughtfulness  
A faith of wholeness  
This tiny flame is the symbol of the spark of all this within each of us.

Opening Hymn #131 *Love Will Guide Us*

Time for All Ages *Creation Story of the Seven Principles*  
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Singing our Children, Caregivers, and Teachers to Their Classes  
*Go On Your Way in Peace*  
by Hal Walker

You've got the light of love inside you, go on your way in peace.  
So shine that light, this whole world now awaits you,  
go on your way in peace. (2x)

You know we hold you. We hold you. Yes, we hold you.

## 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 *Lark's Song*, by Mallory Heartsong

Part I *Advancing Our Values In the World*  
Rev. Renée Ruchotzke  
UUA Congregational Life Staff  
Affiliated Community Minister, UU Church of Kent

Reflection Hymn *#1 May Nothing Evil Cross This Door*

Part II *Equipping and Supporting Leaders*  
Rev. Renée Ruchotzke

## Returning

Offering *What Does it Mean? (We Gotta Change)*  
by Eleuthera Diconca-Lippert  
Vanessa Vesely, piano; Dawn Heartsong, percussion;  
Mallory Heartsong and Emily Hall, vocals

Extinguishing the Chalice Heidi Shaffer Bish, Worship Associate

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 *#318 We Would Be One*

Benediction Rev. Renée Ruchotzke

Postlude *Beautiful Dawn*, by Ruth Moody



*Sunday, October 15, 2023  
Love for Who You Are  
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman*

## Activities & Events: October 8 - 15, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

[kentuu.org/news/announcements-events](https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events)

### Oct. 8 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Social Hour  
11:15 AM Haunted Church Planning  
7:00 PM Journey of Belonging

### Oct. 9 Monday

Church Office Closed  
6:30 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved

### Oct. 10 Tuesday

6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Reserved  
6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal

### Oct. 11 Wednesday

1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, Needle Point  
5:30 PM Youth Music Group  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Oct. 12 Thursday

6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team  
7:00 PM Community Sing

### Oct. 13 Friday

3:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

### Oct. 14 Saturday

8:00 AM Pride Vendor Fair  
10:00 AM Rainbow Music Jam

### Oct. 15 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Social Hour  
11:15 AM Haunted Church Planning  
3:00 PM Staff Retreat

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

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### **#131 *Love Will Guide Us***

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,  
hope inside us will lead the way  
on the road from greed to giving.  
Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels,  
if you cannot speak before thousands,  
you can give from deep within you.  
You can change the world with your love.

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,  
hope inside us will lead the way  
on the road from greed to giving.  
Love will guide us through the hard night.

### **#1 *May Nothing Evil Cross This Door***

May nothing evil cross this door,  
and may ill fortune never pry about  
these windows; may the roar  
and rain go by.

By faith made strong, the rafters will  
withstand the battering of the storm.  
This hearth, though all the world grow chill,  
will keep you warm.

Peace shall walk softly through these rooms,  
touching our lips with holy wine,  
till every casual corner blooms  
into a shrine.

With laughter drown the raucous shout,  
and, though these sheltering walls are thin,  
may they be strong to keep hate out  
and hold love in.

### **#318 *We Would Be One***

We would be one as now we join in singing  
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew  
to that high cause of greater understanding  
of who we are, and what in us is true.

We would be one in living for each other  
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow  
a nobler world than we have known today.

We would be one in searching for that meaning  
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.

As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,  
with love and justice, strive to make us free.