

A colorful illustration of a potluck meal. In the center, a large blue slow cooker sits on a white tiled table. To its left, a hand holds a bowl of green salad. To its right, a hand holds a stack of colorful, folded cloths. In the foreground, a hand holds a white bowl, and another hand holds a small white cup. In the bottom right, a hand holds a whole orange. The background is a white tiled floor. The title "Our Purposeful Potluck" is written in a large, red, stylized font across the center of the illustration.

Our Purposeful Potluck

22 October 2023
Rev. Christie Anderson
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Our Purposeful Potluck

Order of Service

October 22, 2023

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Randy Bish, Worship Associate

Prelude

Prayers for Freedom
by Sarah Nutting (of MaMuse)
Katie Grigg-Miller and Emily Hall, vocals

Words for Gathering

Rev. Christie Anderson
Affiliated Community Minister

Chalice Lighting

by James Vila Blake

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

Opening Hymn

#1021 *Lean on Me*

Time for All Ages

UU Children Descriptions of God

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.

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and joys, and prayer

Musical Meditation

Colour My World
by James Pankow
Vanessa Vesely, piano Emily Hall, vocals and flute

Homily: Part 1

Rev. Christie Anderson

Reflection

Lori Mirkin-McGee, CLM

Reflection Hymn

#1023 *Building Bridges*

Reflection

Rev. Christie Anderson

Reflection

Randy Bish

Homily: Part 2

Rev. Christie Anderson

Offering

Crowded Table
by Brandi Carlile, Natalie Hemby, and Lori McKenna
Emily Hall, vocals

October's special offering is for Equality Ohio

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

With a Little Help from My Friends, adapted
by John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Benediction

*Our appreciation goes to the today's Worship Band:
Vanessa Vesely on piano, Julie Swango on bass,
and Randy Bish on percussion*



*Sunday, October 29, 2023
Tending the Sacred Fire*

Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Heidi Sumser

Activities & Events: October 22-29, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Oct. 22 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
11:15 AM Haunted Church Planning
11:15 AM Leadership Development

Oct. 23 Monday

Church Office Closed
6:30 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved

Oct. 24 Tuesday

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Reserved
6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal

Oct. 25 Wednesday

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

Oct. 26 Thursday

7:00 PM Sacred Song Circle

Oct. 27 Friday

4:00 PM Hobbs Hall & Church Reserved
6:00 PM All-church Halloween Bash & Haunted House

Oct. 28 Saturday

Oct. 29 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
1:00 PM Trunk-or-Treat

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Visit our website.



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#1021 *Lean on Me*

Sometimes in our lives
we all have pain,
we all have sorrow.
But if we are wise
we know that there's
always tomorrow.

Chorus: Lean on me when you're not strong
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need
somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride
if I have things
you need to borrow,
For no one can fill
those of your needs
that you won't let show

Bridge: Just call on me brother when you need a hand.
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'd understand.
We all need somebody to lean on.

Chorus

Bridge

If there is a load
you have to bear
that you can't carry,
I'm right up the road,
I'll share your load
if you just call me.

Call me... call me...

1023 *Building Bridges*

Building Bridges between our divisions,
I reach out to you, will you reach out to me?
With all of our voices and all of our visions,
friends, we could make such sweet harmony.

With a Little Help from My Friends, adapted
by John Lennon and Paul McCartney

What would you think if I sang out of tune?
Would you stand up and walk out on me?
Lend me your voice and we'll sing a love song
And together, we'll make history.

Oh, we get by with a little help from our friends
Mm, I rely on your help, my friends
Mm, gonna try with your help, my friends

What do I do when my spirit is low?
I lean on my friends from UU.
How do we cope when the news causes woe?
Our church is a place to renew.

Oh, we get by with a little help from our friends
Mm, I rely on your help, my friends
Mm, gonna try with your help, my friends

Do you yearn to be seen?
Just give me a place to be real.
Yes, I know what you mean,
It's here we are safe to reveal.

Do you believe we are doing our part?
Yes, I'm certain that it happens all the time
How do you feel when you open your heart?
Love is here and it's so divine.

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