



Tending the Sacred Fire

29 October 2023
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



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Order of Service

October 29, 2023

Beside the Sacred Fire we share our dreams,
Around the Sacred Fire we stand together, as one people,
From the Sacred Fire we feel warmth and comfort,
In the Sacred Fire we see new hope for the future,
The Sacred Fire will always light our path as we journey onward.

—adapted from Chief John Snow

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Whoever You Are
words from the Jefferson Unitarian Church; music by Hal Walker
Kent UU Tone Chimes and Peace Chorus

Chalice Lighting

by Eric Heller-Wagner
Heidi Sumser, Worship Associate

Blessed is the fire that burns deep in the soul.
It is the flame of the human spirit touched into
being by the mystery of life.
It is the fire of reason; the fire of compassion;
the fire of community; the fire of justice; the fire of faith.
It is the fire of love burning deep in the human heart;
The divine glow in every life.

Opening Hymn (video)

#1028 The Fire of Commitment

New Member Covenant Ceremony (insert)

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 silence, sharing our sorrows and losses,
pastoral prayer, and sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation

O ignis spiritus
by Hildegard von Bingen
Emily Hall, vocals

Readings

An excerpt from *Sacred Fires*
by Carlene Goldasher
Creating Fire, by Stephen Shick

Reflection

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Reflection Hymn (insert)

We Shall Be Known
by MaMuse

Reflection

Invitation to Tend the Fire
Kathy Kerns, Commissioned Lay Minister and Vivien Sandlund

Offering

Exactly, by Amy Steinberg
Brad Bolton, guitar Emily Hall, vocals

Returning

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

#298 *Wake Now, My Senses*

Benediction



Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Let Memory Melt into Love

7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Led by Rev. Steven Protzman with Worship Associate Heidi Sumser

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Honoring Grief and Gratitude

Led by CLM Elizabeth Reilly and Worship Associate CLM Kathy Kerns

Activities & Events: Oct. 29 – Nov. 5, 2023<https://kentuu.org/calendar>kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Oct. 29 Sunday

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

Oct. 30 Monday

Church Office Closed

Oct. 31 Tuesday

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

Nov. 1 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, Needle Point
5:30 PM Youth Music Group
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Service of Remembrance

Nov. 2 Thursday

1:15 PM Hobbs Hall reserved
6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team
7:00 PM Sacred Song Circle

Nov. 3 Friday

2:00 PM Hobbs Hall & Kitchen Reserved
6:00 PM Auction Dinner & Movie

Nov. 4 Saturday

All Day – Church & Hobbs Hall Reserved
CER Youth Con

Nov. 5 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
11:30 AM Worship Arts Team
3:00 PM Rental – Fessenden Hall Reserved
4:45 PM Community Meal

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Church Office: The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex
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Visit our website.

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From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

Chorus: When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

Chorus

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

Chorus

New Member Covenant Ceremony

Minister: Will our new members and congregation please join in the responsive reading?

Congregation: We, the members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent joyfully welcome you into our congregation. We affirm the unique gifts, wisdom, passions, and commitment you offer this day. We encourage you to grow spiritually and live a life of service, integrity, and joy. We promise to walk with you in friendship, respect, and trust.

New Members: I become a member of this church aware of both the privileges and responsibilities of membership. I choose to join you on life's journey in all its mystery, struggle, and wonder. I promise to share my gifts and wisdom, to join in our shared ministry, and to support the life and work of this spiritual community as fully as I am able.

Minister: I invite all of us to join in the words of our congregational covenant:

All: 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.

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)

#298 *Wake, Now, My Senses*

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
Feel the deep power of being in all;
Keep, with the web of creation your vow,
Giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now my reason, reach out to the new;
Join with each pilgrim who quests for the true
Honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
Suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
Voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
Take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
Praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide
Join with all people whose rights are denied;
Take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
Brighten my pathway with radiance here;
Mingle my calling with all who will share;
Work toward a planet transformed by our care.