

12 November 2023
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



Listen to the Spirits Dancing

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Order of Service

November 12, 2023

I could hear the spirits who love us stomp dancing.
They were dancing as if they were here,
and then another level of here, and then another,
until the whole earth and sky was dancing.
—Joy Harjo

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

The Cherokee National Anthem
sung by Raven Luna-BlackRaven

Chalice Lighting

adapted from Crowfoot, a Blackfoot warrior
Kathy Kerns, Worship Associate

Leader: What is life?

All: It is the flash of a firefly in the night.
It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime.
It is the little shadow which runs across the grass
and loses itself in the sunset.

Leader: What is this flame?

All: It is light
It is the heart of the people.
It is life itself.

Opening Hymn

#1008 When Our Heart is in a Holy Place

Time for All Ages

The First Basket, a Mandan Story
Kevyn Breedon

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,
and sharing our joys, wonder and awe*

Prayer

Becky Haines

Music Meditation

Keep On Standing Up, by Kevyn Breedon
played on the cedar flute

Readings

Whose Stories Get Told?
by Rev. Jan Carlsson Bull

excerpts from *Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings*
a poem by Joy Harjo

Reflection Hymn

#1051 *We Are...*

Sermon

Stories from the Turtle Clan
Dr. LaDonna Jessie BlueEye

Offering

Water and Love
written by Matt Epps, performed by Isaac Murdoch

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

Keep On Standing Up, by Kevyn Breedon

Benediction

Dr. LaDonna Jessie BlueEye is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Virginia Jessie, granddaughter of Ida Maytubby and great-granddaughter of Nancy BlueEye. She has a Doctor of Philosophy from the School of Public Health at Indiana University in Bloomington and collaborates with both non-Native and Native American communities throughout the United States.



Sunday, November 19, 2023

Gratitude on the Go

Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and DRE Colleen Thoele

Activities & Events: Nov. 12 - 19, 2023<https://kentuu.org/calendar>kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Thanks4Giving Silent Auction 11/12 – 11/18
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Nov. 12 Sunday

8:00 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved
 10:00 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Social Hour
 11:30 AM Leadership Development Comm.
 4:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

Nov. 13 Monday

Church Office Closed

Nov. 14 Tuesday

12:00 PM Retiree's Gathering
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
 6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Reserved
 6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal
 6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team

Nov. 15 Wednesday

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

Nov. 16 Thursday

1:15 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved
 6:45 PM Board of Trustees
 7:00 PM Thursday Covenant Group
 7:00 PM Sacred Song Circle

Nov. 17 Friday

5:00 PM Rental: Hobbs Hall

Nov. 18 Saturday

5:00 PM Auction Event: UUchre

Nov. 19 Sunday

8:00 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved
 10:00 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Board Communication Session
 11:00 AM Social Hour

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#1008 *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

Chorus: When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place

When we trust the wisdom in each of us,
Ev'ry color ev'ry creed and kind,
And we see our faces in each other's eyes,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

(Chorus)

When we tell our story from deep inside,
And we listen with a loving mind,
And we hear our voices in each other's words,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

(Chorus)

When we share the silence of sacred space,
And the God of our Heart stirs within,
And we feel the power of each other's faith,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

(Chorus)

#1051 *We Are...*

For each child that's born, a morning star rises
And sings to the universe who we are. (repeat)

We are our grandmothers' prayer and
we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
we are the breath of our ancestors,
we are the spirit of God.

We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,
we're sisters of mercy and brother of love,
we are lovers of life and builders of nations,
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,
we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages. (repeat)

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Keep on Standing Up

by Kevyn Breedon

Chorus: Keep on standing up, hey ho!
Keep on standing up, hey ho!

Keep on rising up, hey ho!
Keep on rising up, hey ho!

Keep on ringing on, hey ho!
Keep on ringing on, hey ho!

Hope he'll march along, hey ho!
Hope he'll march along, hey ho!

Keep on standing up, hey ho!
Keep on standing up, hey ho!

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