

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



# ***GRATITUDE ON THE GO***



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Order of Service

November 19, 2023

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Gratitude begins in our hearts and then dovetails into behavior....  
We mysteriously find ourselves willing to pick up litter in the street, or  
let others go first in traffic....

—Anne Lamott

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Magic Bells from The Magic Flute*  
*"Das klinget so herrlich"*  
by W.A. Mozart, arr. Emily Hall  
KentUU Tone Chimes

Call to Worship

Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Opening Hymn

*#128 For All That is Our Life*

Chalice Lighting

We come together to remind ourselves  
To treat all people kindly  
Because they are our brothers and sisters;  
To take good care of the earth  
Because it is our home;  
To live lives full of goodness and love  
Because that is how we will make our world  
The best place it can be.

Chalice Lighting Hymn

*#1010 We Give Thanks*

## **Reflecting**

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses,  
and sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation

*Thankful*  
by Carole Sager, David Foster, and Richard Page  
Vanessa Vesely, piano; Emily Hall, vocals

A Gratitude Story

*The Secret Stone*  
by Jill Lauffer  
Blaze Beale and Lo Thoele

Reading

*Gratitude on the Move*  
by Anne Lamott  
MaryLeeson

Gratitude Song

*Thankful*  
by Samantha Sinai  
Vanessa Vesely and Emily Hall

Creating a Gratitude Prayer

We'll create this prayer together by sharing gratitude.

Apple and Caramel Communion

Sharing and savoring the abundance and sweetness of the earth.

Offering

*Draw the Circle Wide*  
words by Gordon Light, adapted; music by Mark A. Miller  
Kent UU Peace Chorus with Vanessa Vesely, piano

## **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

*#21 For the Beauty of the Earth*

Benediction



*Sunday, November 26, 2023*  
*An Open Heart*

*Led by CLM Kathy Kerns and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen*

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## Activities & Events: Nov. 19 - 26, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

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### **Nov. 19 Sunday**

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

### **Nov. 20 Monday**

Church Office Closed  
6:30 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved

### **Nov. 21 Tuesday**

1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Reserved  
6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Committee on Shared Ministry

### **Nov. 22 Wednesday**

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

### **Nov. 23 Thursday**

Church Office Closed  
Happy Thanksgiving!



### **Nov. 24 Friday**

Church Office Closed

### **Nov. 25 Saturday**

### **Nov. 26 Sunday**

10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Social Hour

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

Visit our website.



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## **#128 *For All that is Our Life***

For all that is our life  
we sing our thanks and praise;  
for all life is a gift  
which we are called to use  
To build the common good  
and make our own days glad.

For needs which others serve,  
for services we give,  
for work and its rewards,  
for hours of rest and love;  
we come with praise and thanks  
for all that is our life.

For sorrow we must bear,  
for failures, pain, and loss,  
for each new thing we learn,  
for fearful hours that pass:  
we come with praise and thanks  
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## **#1010 *We Give Thanks***

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day,  
For all gather'd here, and those far away;  
For this time we share with love and care,  
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day. (Repeat)

## **#21 *For the Beauty of the Earth***

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,  
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.