

# An Open Heart



26 November 2023  
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Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

# ***An Open Heart***

Order of Service

November 26, 2023

Compassion is love's response to pain.

– Dave Richo

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Elaine Bowen, Worship Associate

Chime

Prelude

#1031 *Filled with Loving Kindness*

Words of Gathering

Kathy Kerns, Commissioned Lay Minister

Chalice Lighting

by James Vila Blake

Love is the Spirit of this church, and service is 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

#347 *Gather the Spirit*

Time for All Ages

*Come With Me*, by Holly McGee  
Raylynn Rome

Singing the Children Out

*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)

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses,  
and pastoral prayer

Sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation

*Piano Sonata #4 in F# major, Opus 30, first movement*  
by Alexander Scriabin  
Benny Hovancsek, piano



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

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**Activities & Events: Nov. 26 –Dec. 3, 2023**<https://kentuu.org/calendar>[kentuu.org/news/announcements-events](https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events)

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**Nov. 26 Sunday**

10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Social Hour

**Nov. 27 Monday**

Church Office Closed

**Nov. 28 Tuesday**

1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Reserved  
6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal  
7:00 PM RE Committee

**Nov. 29 Wednesday**

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

**Nov. 30 Thursday**

9:00 AM Endowment Committee  
1:15 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved  
3:30 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved  
6:30 PM Worship Arts Team  
7:00 PM Community Sing

**Dec. 1 Friday**

6:00 PM RE Pajama Party

**Dec. 2 Saturday**

8:00 AM Rental-Hobbs Hall Reserved

**Dec. 3 Sunday**

10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Social Hour  
11:15 AM Shared Ministries Council  
11:30 PM Pageant Rehearsal  
4:45 PM Community Meal

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**Church Office:** The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex  
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### **#347 Gather the Spirit**

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.  
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.  
Witness the mystery of this hour.  
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

(Chorus)

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.  
Gather in sympathy now and then.  
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.  
Gather to celebrate once again.  
Gather the spirit of heart and mind.

Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.  
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,  
with body and spirit united once more.

(Chorus)

Gather the spirit growing in all,  
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.  
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,  
the chorus of life resounding as one.

(Chorus)

### **#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.

### **#323 *Break Not the Circle***

Break not the circle of enabling love  
where people grow, forgiven and forgiving;  
break not that circle, make it wider still,  
till it includes, embraces all the living.

Come, wonder at this love that comes to life,  
where words of freedom are with humor spoken,  
and people keep no score of wrong and guilt,  
but will that human bonds remain unbroken.

Join then the movement of the love that frees,  
till people of whatever race or nation  
will truly be themselves, stand on their feet,  
see eye to eye with laughter and elation.

### **#95 *There is More Love Somewhere***

There is more love somewhere.  
There is more love somewhere.  
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.  
There is more love somewhere.

There is more hope somewhere...

There is more peace somewhere...

There is more joy somewhere...