

*Honoring  
Grief and  
Gratitude*



5 November 2023  
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Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



# ***Honoring Grief and Gratitude***

Order of Service

November 5, 2023

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Today we give thanks, and we explore suffering. We must always do both together, so that our hearts are strong for the journey.

– Myke Johnson

## Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Kathy Kerns, Worship Associate  
Commissioned Lay Minister, UU Church of Kent

Chime

Prelude

*Both Sides Now*  
composer Joni Mitchell

Words of Gathering

Elizabeth Reilly, Worship Leader  
Commission Lay Minister, UU Church of Akron

Chalice Lighting

UU Church of Kent Covenant

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.

Opening Hymn

# 67 *We Sing Now Together*  
Benny Hovancsek, piano

Time for All Ages

Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

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)

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

Music Meditation

*Calling All Angels*, by Jane Siberry  
Mallory Heartsong and Emily Hall, guitar and vocals  
Joshua Stokes, violin

Reflecting

Reading

excerpt from *Marginal Wisdom*  
by Rev. Leslie Takahashi  
Kathy Kerns

Reading

*A Cause for Thanksgiving?*  
by Daniel Gregoire

Reflection Hymn

#5 *It Is Something to Have Wept*

Sermon

*Honoring Grief and Gratitude*  
Elizabeth Reilly

Returning

Offering

*How Can I Keep from Singing*  
by Robert Lowry

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

#131 *Love Will Guide Us*

Benediction

*Rhythm of Rain*, by Lynn Riggs



## Activities & Events: Nov. 5 - 12, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

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### Nov. 5 Sunday

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

### Nov. 6 Monday

Church Office Closed  
6:30 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved

### Nov. 7 Tuesday

12:00 PM Retiree's Gathering  
6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Reserved  
6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal

### Nov. 8 Wednesday

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

### Nov. 9 Thursday

7:00 PM Community Sing

### Nov. 10 Friday

3:00 PM Hobbs Hall & Kitchen Reserved

### Nov. 11 Saturday

All Day – Fessenden Hall (Auction prep)  
Hobbs Hall (Yule Ball)

### Nov. 12 Sunday

8:00 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Social Hour  
4:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

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**Church Office:** The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex  
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## **#67 *We Sing Now Together***

We sing now together our song of thanksgiving,  
rejoicing in goods which the ages have wrought,  
for life that enfolds us, and helps and heals and holds us,  
and leads beyond the goals which our forebears once sought.

We sing of the freedoms which martyrs and heroes  
have won by their labor, their sorrow, their pain;  
the oppressed befriending, our ampler hopes defending,  
their death becomes a triumph, they died not in vain.

We sing of the prophets, the teachers, the dreamers,  
designers, creators, and workers, and seers;  
our own lives expanding, our gratitude commanding,  
their deeds have made immortal their days and their years.

We sing of community now in the making  
in every far continent, region, and land;  
with those of all races, all times and names and places,  
we pledge ourselves in covenant firmly to stand.

## **#5 *It Is Something to Have Wept***

It is something to have wept as we have wept,  
and something to have done as we have done;  
it is something to have watched when all have slept,  
and seen the stars which never see the sun.

It is something to have smelt the mystic rose,  
although it break and leave the thorny rods;  
it is something to have hungered once as those  
must hunger who have ate the bread of gods:

To have known the things that from the weak are furred,  
the fearful ancient passions, strange and high;  
it is something to be wiser than the world,  
and something to be older than the sky.

Lo, and blessed are our ears for they have heard:  
yea, blessed are our eyes for they have seen:  
let the thunder break on human, beast, and bird,  
and lightning. It is something to have been.

## **#131 *Love Will Guide Us***

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,  
hope inside us will lead the way  
on the road from greed to giving.  
Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels,  
if you cannot speak before thousands,  
you can give from deep within you.  
You can change the world with your love.

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,  
hope inside us will lead the way  
on the road from greed to giving.  
Love will guide us through the hard night.