

We Bless This Space

3 December 2023
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



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Order of Service

December 3, 2023

Let memories add warmth...
a heritage, a quilted patchwork stitched with history
Of kindness, of daring for the good,
of funny moments, jokes and smiles and tears.
This is a precious place, as every home, that shelters those who love and
strive and share. Its blessing is in lives that meet within...
In living, learning, caring, sheltered here.

—Dori J. Somers

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

A Place for you, by Melanie DeMore
led by Saunis Parsons, Diane Cardew, and Emily Hall

Chalice Lighting

responsive reading adapted from Sandra Fees
Randy Bish, Worship Associate

All: We light this chalice.

Opening Hymn

#1000 Morning Has Come
Lo Thoele, Hymn Leader

Time for All Ages

Our Youth and
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Singing our Children, Caregivers, and Teachers to Their Classes

Please Bless This Space (insert)
by Celia Farran

Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

*A time of sharing our sorrows and losses, pastoral prayer,
sharing our joys, wonder and awe, and a silent meditation.*

Music Meditation

The Oneness of Everything, by Jim Scott
instrumental version by Christie Anderson and Brad Bolton

A Tribute to Jack Graham

Mary Ann Stephens

Hymn of Blessing

#1 May Nothing Evil Cross This Door
Diane Cardew, Hymn Leader
with Kent UU Tone Chime Ensemble and Vanessa Vesely, piano

Sharing Memories and Stories

An opportunity for you to share your stories and memories
about this sacred space.

The Ritual of Rededication

Responsive Reading

Blessing this Space
adapted from Sandra Fees

All: *We bless this sanctuary as a place of love and peace.*

Blessing Song (insert)

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by Celia Farran

Returning

Offering

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 (insert)

Life Calls Us On
words by Rev. Kendyl Gibbons: music by Rev. Jason Shelton
Saunis Parsons and Diane Cardew, Hymn Leaders

Benediction

*The flowers are given by Mary Ann Stephens
in loving memory of Jack Graham.*

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Sunday, December 10, 2023

Live in the Mystery

Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Heidi Sumser

Activities & Events: Dec. 3 - 10, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

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

Dec. 4 Monday

Church Office Closed
6:30 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved

Dec. 5 Tuesday

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

Dec. 6 Wednesday

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

Dec. 7 Thursday

9:00 AM Membership Team
6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team
7:00 PM Sacred Song Circle

Dec. 8 Friday

Dec. 9 Saturday

8:00 AM Rental-Hobbs Hall Reserved

Dec. 10 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
11:30 PM Pageant Rehearsal

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Visit our website.



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#1000 Morning Has Come

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.
Wonder fills this moment shared together.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of peace here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Please Bless This Space

words and music by Celia Farran

Please bless this space, this sanctuary.
All around, below, above.
Please bring us peace, and protection.
May all who enter be nourished with love.
Alleluia, Amen. Aho, Blessed be, allow it in.
Alleluia, Amen. Aho, Blessed be, So it is.

#1 May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

May nothing evil cross this door,
and may ill fortune never pry
about these windows; may the roar
and rain go by.

By faith made strong, the rafters will
withstand the battering of the storm.
This hearth, though all the world grow chill,
will keep you warm.

Peace shall walk softly through these rooms,
touching our lips with holy wine,
till ev'ry casual corner blooms
into a shrine.

With laughter drown the raucous shout,
and, though these sheltering walls are thin,
may they be strong to keep hate out
and hold love in.

Life Calls Us On

words by Rev. Kendyl Gibbons; music by Rev. Jason Shelton

Here in rev'ence now we gather
For the blessings we have known,
With a pledge to one another
That we journey not alone.
Joy and sorrow make us wise,
Kin to all that lives and dies;
Love calls us on, Love calls us on.

Words and deeds of those before us
Waken here to keep us strong;
Blend our voices in the chorus
Of creation's living song.
Courage bids us lift our eyes
Upward to the shining skies;
Hope calls us on; Hope calls us on.

Loyal guides in love and duty
Lead us with a trusted light;
Blest are they whose inward beauty
Shows the path of truth and right.
Honor is their earthly prize;
By their work we realize;
Faith calls us on; Faith calls us on.

We have shared a radiant hour
When the truth has made us free;
And the spirit's gracious power
Dreamed of good that yet shall be.
Bright the path before us lies
Joyful pilgrims now we rise;
Life calls us on; Life calls us on!