

The Tree That Was Meant to Be



17 December 2023
Colleen Thoele, DRE
and the Children & Youth of the
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



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Order of Service

December 17, 2023

Music for Gathering

Deck The Halls, traditional
Benny Hovancsek

Welcome/Announcements

Colleen Thoele
Director of Religious Education

Chime

Chalice Lighting

Call to Worship

Special Music

Somewhere in My Memory
by John Williams and Leslie Bricusse
Abby Kuras, vocals; Vanessa Vesely, piano

Act One

The Tree

Song of Woe (insert)

Blue Christmas
written by Billy Hayes and Jay W. Johnson

Joys and Sorrows

Music Response (insert)

There is a Love
Elizabeth H. Norton and Rebecca Ann Parker

Act Two

Community of Care

Song of Community (insert)

Draw the Circle Wide
words by Gordon Light, adapted, music by Mark A. Miller

Act Three

Sharing the Light

Offering/Offertory

The Christmas Wish
Lo Thoele and Meredith Wakefield, vocals
Vanessa Vesely, piano

Act Four

The Tree That Was Meant to Be

Closing Song

Draw the Circle Wide, reprise
words by Gordon Light, adapted, music by Mark A. Miller
Kailani Walker, guitar; Vanessa Vesely, piano

Extinguish 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.

Benediction

Postlude

We Wish You a Merry Christmas, traditional
Kailani Walker, guitar; Blaze Beale, euphonium



Credits

Today's production was written by Sandy Eaglen, adapted from the storybook, *The Tree That was Meant to Be*, by Yuval Zommer

Cast of Characters

Iona Packer	Meredith Wakefield	Raylynn Rome
Lo Thoele	Benny Hovancsek	Katie Hovancsek
Blaze Beale	Eliot Cromes	Kailani Walker
Gareth Gulick	Morgan Gregg	Jo Brannan
Ike Brannan	Abby Kuras	Brady Kuras

Special Note from Sandy and Colleen:

It takes a village to create this service each year. Between rehearsals, feeding the players, props and music there are behind-the-scenes worker bees. Thank you to all the grown-ups who helped to bring today's service to life:

Dana Wakefield, Food Runner;
Wendy Mann, music support
Amanda Rome, snack crew;
Katie Kuras, stage mom-ager extraordinaire
Parents and Caregivers, for sharing your kids with us



Sunday, December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve

*All Ages Community Christmas
Hobbs Hall 10 AM*

*Candlelight Services: 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM
The Mystery, the Magic, and the Music
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman, DRE Colleen Thoele and
Worship Associates David Weaver and Heidi Shaffer Bish*

Activities & Events: Dec. 17 - 24, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Dec. 17 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
11:30 AM Brass Quartette

Dec. 18 Monday

7:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
6:30 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved

Dec. 19 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

Dec. 20 Wednesday

4:00 PM Kevin Kerns Memorial
4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, Needle Point
5:30 PM Youth Music Group
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Dec. 21 Thursday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
6:45 PM Board of Trustees
7:00 PM Thursday Covenant Group
7:00 PM Sacred Song Circle

Dec. 22 Friday

Dec. 23 Saturday

8:00 AM Rental-Hobbs Hall Reserved

Dec. 24 Sunday

10:00 AM Community Christmas
6:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship
7:30 PM Social Hour
8:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship

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Visit our website.



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Blue Christmas

written by Billy Hayes and Jay W. Johnson

I'll have a blue Christmas without you
I'll be so blue thinking about you
Decorations of red
On a green Christmas tree
Won't be the same
If you're not here with me
And when those blue snowflakes start falling
And when those blue memories start calling
You'll be doing all right with your Christmas of white
But I'll have a blue, blue, blue, blue Christmas...

There is a Love

by Elizabeth H. Norton and Rebecca Ann Parker

There is a love holding me / us.
There is a love holding all that I / we love.
There is a love holding all.
I / We rest in this love.

Draw the Circle Wide

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Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
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No one is alone, we'll be side by side
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Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still
Let this be our song, no one is alone
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