

2024

New Resolutions

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New Year,
New Intentions



31 December 2023

Ginny Horvath

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

New Year, New Intentions

Order of Service

December 31, 2023

“Now is the time to develop trust in our basic goodness and the basic goodness of our brothers and sisters on this earth: a time to develop confidence in our ability to drop our old ways of staying stuck and to choose wisely.”
Pema Chödrön

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Ginny Horvath
Service Leader

Chime

Prelude

Auld Lang Syne
Blaze Beale, euphonium
Vanessa Vesely, piano

Call to Worship

Lori Mirkin-McGee
Commissioned Lay Minister & Worship Associate

Opening Hymn

#350, The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time

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.

Reflection Hymn

#313, O What a Piece of Work Are We

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

Wheel of Time
by Ayla Nereo
Katie Grigg-Miller, vocals and percussion
Vanessa Vesely, piano

A Time for All Ages

My Magical Choices
by Becky Cummings, Illustrated by Zuzana Svobodová

Hymn of Affirmation

#1019 Everything Possible
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Reading

from *Taking the Leap*
by Pema Chödrön

Reading

from *Your Future Self*
by Hal Hershfield

Reflection: *New Year, New Intentions*

Ginny Horvath
with Brooke Horvath, "Mother and Child Reunion"

Offering

Seed
by Emma's Revolution
Katie Grigg-Miller, vocals
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

#205-206 Amazing Grace
Led by Saunis Parsons

Benediction



Sunday, January 7, 2024
A Liberating Love
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

Activities & Events: Dec. 31 – Jan. 7, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Dec. 31 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour

Jan. 4 Thursday

7:00 PM Sacred Song Circle

Jan. 5 Friday

Jan. 6 Saturday

8:00 AM Rental - Hobbs Hall Reserved

Jan 2 Tuesday

Church Office Closed

12:00 PM Retiree's Gathering

Jan. 7 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
11:15 AM Race4Justice Team
4:45 PM Community Meal

Jan. 3 Wednesday

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, Needle Point

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#350 *The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time*

The ceaseless flow of endless time
no one can check or stay;
we'll view the past with no regret,
nor future with dismay.

The present slips into the past,
and dreamlike melts away;
the breaking of tomorrow's dawn
begins a new today.

The past and future ever meet
in the eternal now:
to make each day a thing complete
shall be our New Year vow.

#313, *O What a Piece of Work Are We*

O what a piece of work are we,
how marvelously wrought;
the quick contrivance of the hand,
the wonder of our thought,
the wonder of our thought.

Why need to look for miracles
outside of nature's law?
Humanity we wonder at
with every breath we draw,
with every breath we draw!

But give us room to move and grow,
but give our spirit play,
and we can make a world of light
out of the common clay,
out of the common clay.

#1019, *Everything Possible (verse 1 and chorus)*
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We have cleared off the table,
the leftovers saved,
washed the dishes and put them away.
I have told you a story and tucked you in tight
at the end of your knockabout day.
As the moon sets its sail to carry you to sleep over the Midnight Sea,
Well, I will sing you a song no one sang to me—
may it keep you good company.

You can be anybody that you want to be,
you can love whomever you will.
You can travel any country where your heart leads
and know I will love you still.
You can live by yourself, you can gather friends around,
you can choose one special one.
And the only measure of your words and your deeds
Will be the love you leave behind when you're gone.

#205-206, Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.