

Held by Love



21 January 2224
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

January 21, 2024

Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans.

—John Lennon

Gathering

Music for Gathering	Benjamin Pritchard, piano
Welcome	Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister
Chime	
Prelude	<i>Eterno sol</i> by Balwant Kaur & Gurinder Singh Emily Hall, uke and vocals
Chalice Lighting and Congregational Covenant	Elaine Bowen Worship Associate

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 *#360 Here We Have Gathered*

Time for All Ages *I Am Love*
by Susan Verde, art by Peter H. Reynolds
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Singing our Children, Caregivers, and Teachers to Their Classes
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)

Reflecting

- Reading *Black Bear in the Orchard*
by Mary Oliver
- Reflection *The Black Bear Strikes*
Rev. Steven Protzman
- Music Meditation *In My Quiet Sorrow*, by Jeannie Gagne
Vanessa Vesely, piano Emily Hall, vocals
- Reflection *Life, Loss and Love*
Elaine Bowen
- Reflection Hymn *There Is a Love*
words by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker; music by Elizabeth Norton
- Reading` excerpt from *Love's Conditions*
by Rev. Victoria Safford
- Reflection *Held by Love*
Rev. Steven Protzman
- Holding One Another in Care and Compassion
*A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses,
pastoral prayer, and sharing our joys, wonder and awe*

Returning

- Offering *Heart of the Universe*
by Snatam Kaur
Vanessa Vesely, piano Emily Hall, vocals
- 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 *Draw the Circle Wide*
words by Gordon Light, adapted, music by Mark A. Miller
- Benediction



*Next Sunday, January 28, 2024
Seeds for the New Year
Led by Kathy Kerns*

Activities & Events: Jan. 21 - 28, 2024

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Jan. 21 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour

Jan. 22 Monday

5:00 PM Annex Reserved

Jan. 23 Tuesday

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall
6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal

Jan. 24 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, Needle Point
4:40 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved
6:30 PM Peace Choir Rehearsal

Jan. 25 Thursday

6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team
7:00 PM Community Sing

Jan. 26 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

Jan. 27 Saturday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Reserved
2:00 PM Board Games
2:30 PM Rentals: Hobbs Hall Tour

Jan. 28 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM RE Team Meeting
11:00 AM Rentals Team Appreciation
11:00 AM Social Hour

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Church Office: The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex
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Visit our website.



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#360 *Here We Have Gathered*

Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;
circle of kinship, come and step inside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word;
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Here we have gathered, called to celebrate
days of our lifetime, matters small and great:
we of all ages, women, children, men,
infants and sages, sharing what we can.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Life has its battles, sorrows and regret:
but in the shadows, let us not forget:
we who now gather know each other's pain;
kindness can heal us: as we give we gain.
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

There Is a Love

words by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker; music by Elizabeth Norton

There is a love holding me.
There is a love holding all that I love.
There is a love holding all.
I rest in this love.

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

Draw the Circle Wide

words by Gordon Light, adapted, music by Mark A. Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
No one is alone, we'll be side by side
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide

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