

A hand is shown in the lower-left corner, sowing seeds into a furrow in a field of young green plants. The background is a close-up of the soil and the rows of seedlings.

Seeds for the New Year



*28 January 2024
Kahty Kerns. CLM
Unitarian Universalist
Church of Kent*

Seeds for the New Year

Order of Service

January 28, 2024

Love this world, she whispers.

-- Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Katie Grigg-Miller, piano

Trinity Fanfare (video)

by Alex Guebert; performed by the Chalice Bell
1st Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor
directed by rev. theresa rohlck; edited by Mike Halerz

Welcome

Kathy Kerns
Commissioned Lay Minister

Chime

Prelude (video)

Shelter Me, by Lea Morris

Chalice Lighting

Love is the Spirit of this church, and service is its law.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

Opening Hymn

#1000 Morning Has Come

Time for All Ages

Bridge of Flowers
by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha

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)

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Winter Blessing

by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker

Sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation

Freedom is My Birthright, by Lea Morris

Reflecting

Reflection

Life Abundant
by Rev. Megan Foley

Reflection Hymn

#396 *I Know This Rose Will Open*

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt
President, UUA

Returning

Offering

Every Seed, by Alice Di Micele
performed by Bruce Richards, Pam Mitchell, and Jill Forsman

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

#368 *Now Let Us Sing*

Benediction

Open to the Beauty, by Kathy McGowan

Song of Blessing and Sending (video)

Peace With You
written and performed by Yuri Yamamoto



Next Sunday, February 4, 2024

9:15 AM Worship: Do Unto Others . . .

Led by DRE Colleen Thoele

10:00 AM Small Group Discussions and Social Hour in Hobbs Hall

11:00 AM Worship: But What About . . . ?

Led by CLM Lori Mirkin-McGee and Worship Associate Randy Bish

Activities & Events: Jan. 28 – Feb. 4, 2024

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Jan. 28 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour

Jan. 29 Monday

5:00 PM Small Group Facilitator Training

Jan. 30 Tuesday

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal

Jan. 31 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting, Crochet, Needle Point
4:30 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved
6:00 PM Peace Choir Rehearsal

Feb. 1 Thursday

6:30 PM Board of Trustees
7:00 PM Sacred Song Circle

Feb. 2 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
5:00 PM Sanctuary A/V Training

Feb. 3 Saturday

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

Feb. 4 Sunday

9:15 AM All-Ages Worship
10:00 AM Small Group Discussions
10:00 AM Social Hour
11:00 AM Worship
12:15 PM Gray Wolf Presentation
1:00 PM Auction Event: High Tea
4:45 PM Community Meal

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Shelter Me

by Lea Morris

Sweet spirit of light and love;
sweet spirit of light and love;
sweet spirit of light and love,
spread your wings and shelter me.

#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 peace 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 love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

***Freedom is My Birthright*, by Lea Morris**

Freedom is *my birthright.
Freedom is my birthright.
I was born in freedom. I will grow in freedom.
I claim (or: bless) my freedom now.

Bridge: Freedom to love... freedom to live...
free to receive... free to forgive.

**your/you; our/we*

#396 *I Know This Rose Will Open*

I know this rose will open.
I know my fear will burn away.
I know my soul will unfurl its wings.
I know this rose will open.

#368 *Now Let Us Sing*

Now let us sing, sing, sing
Now let us sing, sing, sing
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
sing to the power of the faith within.

Sing to the power of the faith within.
Sing to the power of the faith within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
sing to the power of the faith within.

Sing to the power of the hope within ...

Sing to the power of the love within. ...

Sing to the power of the joy within. ...