The Legacy of Howard Thurman

18 February 2024 Deborah Kotte, CLM Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service: February 18, 2024, 11:00 AM

Gathering

Music for Gathering Brad Bolton and Christie Anderson

Welcome Lori Mirkin-McGee

Commissioned Lay Minister, UU Church of Kent

Chime

Prelude #155 Circle 'Round for Freedom

Call to Worship Deborah Kotte

Commissioned Lay Minister UU Congregation of Greater Canton

Chalice Lighting by Howard Thurman

In the stillness of the quiet, if we listen, we can hear the whisper of the heart, giving strength to weakness, courage to fear, hope to despair.

Opening Hymn

#153 I Woke Up This Morning

Reflecting

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

Music Meditation

Reading excerpt from With Head and Heart:

The Autobiography of Howard Thurman, 1979

Reflection Hymn #148 Let Freedom Span Both East and West

Sermon The Legacy of Howard Thurman

Deborah Kotte, CLM

Returning

Offering

I'm Gonna Lift My Sister Up by Faya Rose Touré

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

Up Above My Head by Sister Rosetta Tharpe Randy and Heidi Bish, percussion

Benediction

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Next Sunday, February 25, 2024

9:15 AM All-ages Worship: Justice Unfinished Led by DRE Colleen Thoele

10:00 AM Lifespan Religious Exploration and Community Café (aka Social Hour) in Hobbs Hall

11:00 AM Traditional Worship: Stories from the Shadows Led by Affiliated Community Minister Rev. Christie Anderson with Worship Associate Heidi Shaffer Bish

Activities & Events: Feb. 18 - 25, 2024

https://kentuu.org/calendar

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Feb. 18	Sunday	Feb. 22	Thursday
9:15 AM		1:00 PM	Hobbs Hall Reserved
10:00 AM		6:30 PM	Ministry Executive Team
10:00 AM	•	7:00 PM	Community Sing
11:00 AM		Feb. 23	Friday
Feb. 19	Monday	4:00 PM	Finance Committee
Feb. 20	Tuesday	Feb. 24	Saturday
1:00 PM	Staff Meeting	8:00 AM	Rental: Hobbs Hall Reserved
6:00 PM	Rental: Fessenden Hall	10:00 AM	Rentals Implementation
6:00 PM	Tone Chimes Rehearsal		Ideation Session
6:30 PM	Committee on Shared Ministry	12:30 PM	Rental: Church Reserved
Feb. 21	Wednesday	Feb. 25	Sunday
4:30 PM	Knitting & Crochet Group	9:15 AM	All-Ages Worship
4:30 PM	Hobbs Hall Reserved (LWV)	10:00 AM	Small Group Discussions
6:00 PM	Peace Chorus	10:00 AM	Social Hour
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#155 Circle 'Round for Freedom

Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace, for all of us imprisoned, circle for release, circle for the planet, circle for each soul, for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

#153 I Woke Up This Morning

Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom. Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom. Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom, Hallelu, Halleluia.

I was walking and talking with my mind ...

I was singing and praying with my mind ...

Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind ...

#148 Let Freedom Span Both East and West

Let freedom span both east and west, and love both south and north, in universal fellowship throughout the whole wide earth.

In beauty, wonder, everywhere, let us communion find; compassion be the golden cord close-binding humankind.

Beyond all barriers of race, of color, caste, or creed, let us make friendship, human worth, our common faith and deed.

Then east and west will meet and share, and south shall build with north, one human commonwealth of good throughout the whole wide earth.

I'm Gonna Lift My Sister Up

by Faya Rose Touré

I'm I'm gonna lift my sister up, she is not heavy I'm I'm gonna lift my sister up, she is not heavy I'm I'm gonna lift my sister up, she is not heavy If I don't lift her up, If I don't lift her up If I don't lift her up, I will fall down

I'm gonna lift my brother up, he is not...

I'm gonna lift my sibling up, they are not...

I'm gonna lift my neighbor, she is not...

I'm gonna lift my people up, they are not...

Faya Ora Rose Touré (born Rose Gaines in 1945) is an American civil rights activist and lawyer. She was the first black female judge in Alabama.

Up Above My Head

by Sister Rosetta Tharpe

Up above my head, I hear music in the air
Up above my head, I hear music in the air
Up above my head, I hear music in the air
I really do believe, I really do believe there's a heaven somewhere

Up above my head, I hear singin' in the air Up above my head, I hear singin' in the air Up above my head, I hear singin' in the air I really do believe, I really do believe there's a heaven somewhere

Up above my head, I hear shoutin' in the air Up above my head, I hear shoutin' in the air Up above my head, I hear shoutin' in the air I really do believe, I really do believe there's a heaven somewhere

Up above my head, I hear music in the air
Up above my head, I hear music in the air
Up above my head, I hear music in the air
I really do believe, I really do believe there's a heaven somewhere