

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent  
3 March 2024  
Emily Hall, Transistional Music Director  
Kathy Kerns, CLM



# *Voices That Transform*



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Order of Service:

March 3, 2024, 11:00 AM

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Welcome

Kathy Kerns  
Commissioned Lay Minister

Chime

Prelude

#1051 *We Are*  
by Ysaye M. Barnwell  
led by Kent UU Peace Chorus  
Emily Hall, Transitional Music Director

Opening Words

*A New Song, a New Harmony*  
by Richard S. Gilbert  
Kathy Kerns

Chalice Lighting

by James Vila Blake

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.

## **Part 1: Singing Together Can Transform Our Experience of Music**

Reading

*Music Arises*  
by Arlen Goff  
Saunis Parsons

Hymn

#318, *We Would Be One*, words  
by Samuel Anthony Wright, music by Jean Sibelius

Silence and Sharing of Sorrows

Kathy Kerns

Sung Prayer

*I Know This Rose Will Open (Sé que abrirá esta rosa)*  
by Mary E. Grigolia  
led by Kent UU Peace Chorus and Emily Hall

Sharing of Joys

Musical Meditation

Instrumental, #346 *Come, Sing A Song With Me*  
by Carolyn McDade

**Part 2: Understanding the authentic meaning and context behind a song can transform the message we draw and how we are transformed by the music.**

Hymn *#28 View the Starry Realm*  
words by Norbert Čápek, music by Bodhana Haspel  
led by Kent UU Peace Chorus and Emily Hall

**Part 3: Music can transform us and the larger world as it can inspire us to keep working toward our vision of beloved community.**

Hymn *#123 Spirit of Life*  
by Carolyn McDade

Hymn *#170 We Are a Gentle Angry People*  
by Holly Near

**Part 4: Our financial contributions aid our work of Transformation as a Church.**

Offertory *Draw the Circle Wide*  
led by Kent UU Peace Chorus and Emily Hall

Message from the Generosity Team

Chalice Extinguishing

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 until we are together again.

Closing Hymn *Up Above My Head*  
by Sister Rosetta Tharpe  
Brad Bolton, guitar

Benediction *Into the World Singing*  
by Dawn Skjei Cooley  
Emily Hall



*Next Sunday, March 10, 2024*

*9:15 AM All-ages Worship: A Story in My Soul  
Led by DRE Colleen Thoele with  
Affiliated Community Minister Rev. Renee Ruchotzke*

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

*11:00 AM Traditional Worship: Self-Compassion  
Led by David Weaver and Worship Associate Randy Bish*

## Activities & Events: Mar. 3 - 10, 2024

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

[kentuu.org/news/announcements-events](https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events)

### **Mar. 3 Sunday**

9:15 AM All-Ages Worship  
10:00 AM Small Group Discussions  
10:00 AM Social Hour  
11:00 AM Worship – Traditional service  
11:00 AM Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser  
(serving 11 AM - 1:30 pm)  
12:00 PM Town Hall Meeting  
4:45 PM Community Meal

### **Mar. 4 Monday**

7:00 PM Town Hall via Zoom

### **Mar. 5 Tuesday**

1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall  
6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Peace in the Middle East

### **Mar. 6 Wednesday**

1:00 PM Membership Team  
4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group  
4:30 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved (LWV)  
6:00 PM Peace Chorus

### **Mar. 7 Thursday**

1:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved  
6:30 PM Board of Trustees  
7:00 PM Sacred Song Circle

### **Mar. 8 Friday**

### **Mar. 9 Saturday**

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Reserved

### **Mar. 10 Sunday**

9:15 AM All-Ages Worship  
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
11:00 AM Worship – Traditional service  
12:45 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved  
4:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved (auction event)

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**Church Office:** The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex  
(yellow house) next to the church building

Visit our website.



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Transitional Music Director

Accompanist

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## **#1051 We Are**

For each child that's born,  
a morning star rises and  
sings to the universe  
who we are.

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We are our grandmothers' prayers  
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,  
we are the breath of our ancestors,  
we are the spirit of God.

We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,  
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,  
we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,  
we are lovers of life and the builders of nations,  
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,  
we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.

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## **#318 We Would Be One**

We would be one as now we join in singing  
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew  
to that high cause of greater understanding  
of who we are, and what in us is true.  
We would be one in living for each other  
to show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow  
a nobler world than we have known today.  
We would be one in searching for that meaning  
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.  
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,  
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

### **#396 I Know This Rose Will Open (Sé que abrirá esta rosa)**

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.

Spanish:  
Sé que abrirá esta rosa,  
y sé que mi temor se irá.  
Sus alas mi amor desplegará.  
Sé que abrirá esta rosa.

### **#28 View the Starry Realm**

View the starry realm of heaven,  
shining distant empires sing.  
Skysong of celestial children  
turns each winter into spring, turns each winter into spring.

Great you are, beyond conception,  
God of gods and God of stars.  
My soul soars with your perception,  
I escape from prison bars, I escape from prison bars.

You, the One within all forming  
in my heart and mind and breath,  
you, my guide through hate's fierce storming,  
courage in both life and death, courage in both life and death.

Life is yours, in you I grow tall,  
seed will come to fruit I know.  
Trust that after winter's snowfall  
walls will melt and Truth will flow, walls will melt and Truth will flow.

### **#123 Spirit of Life**

Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

## #170 We Are a Gentle Angry People

We are a gentle, angry people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.  
We are a gentle, angry people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a justice-seeking people...

We are young and old together...

We are a land of many colors...

We are gay and straight together....

We are a gentle, loving people...

### Draw the Circle Wide

words by Gordon Light; 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.

### 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



### **Happening Today!**

#### **Important Town Hall Session**

following 2<sup>nd</sup> service in the Sanctuary  
***Your participation is requested.***

#### **UUYJ Italian Dinner Fundraiser**

serving from 10:15 am – 1:30 PM  
*in Hobbs Hall*

#### **Our Annual Pledge Drive kick-off**

Pledge packets are available for pick-up today.