



Who We Are Now?

24 March 2024
Rev. Dr Elaine Strawn
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service:

March 24, 2024, 11:00 AM

May I trust that my love is as needed as my knowledge. May I remember in me the limitations of everyman. [sic] May I be open to know my darkness and true to what light I have. May I be used as a blessing and a friend to life.

- Rachel Naomi Remen

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Kathy Kerns, Worship Associate

Chime

Prelude

#1003 Where Do We Come From
Katie Grigg-Miller, Hymn Leader

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting

Rev. Elaine Strawn

Opening Hymn

#347 Gather the Spirit

Time for All Ages

Once Upon a Time in Persia
by Sahar Doustar and Daniela Tieni

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 (video)

Just Who We Are
arr. Hal Walker
performed by the Golden Tones

Readings

from *Infectious Generosity*, by Chris Anderson
from *The Hero's Journey*, by Joseph Campbell

Reflection Hymn

#121 We'll Build a Land

Returning

Offering

Offertory Music

Ours is a Simple Faith
by David Tamulevich
Katie Grigg-Miller, vocals; Vanessa Vesely piano

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

#1021 Lean on Me

Message from Stewardship Team

Benediction (in unison)

Traditional Celtic Blessing

May the longtime sun shine upon you, all love surround you,
and the sweet light within you guide your way on.

*Cover art: This week's cover was designed by Claudia Miller,
our Draw the Circle Wide contest winner.*



Next Sunday, March 31, 2024

*9:15 AM All-ages Worship: Rise in Love
Led by Affiliated Community Minister Rev. Renee Ruchotzke with
DRE Colleen Thoele, Transitional Music Director Emily Hall,
and Worship Associate David Weaver*

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

*11:00 AM Traditional Worship: Things I Didn't Learn in Sunday School
Led by CLM Lori Mirkin-McGee and
Affiliated Community Minister Rev. Christie Anderson*

Activities & Events: Mar. 24 - 31, 2024

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

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Mar. 24 Sunday

9:15 AM All-Ages Worship
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour
11:00 AM Worship – Traditional service
4:00 PM Rental: Sanctuary Reserved

Mar. 25 Monday

3:00 PM Sanctuary Reserved
6:30 PM Worship Arts Team

Mar. 26 Tuesday

7:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal
7:15 PM Community Sing

Mar. 27 Wednesday

7:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group
4:30 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved (LWV)
6:00 PM Peace Chorus

Mar. 28 Thursday

6:00 PM Annex Reserved
6:30 PM Worship Arts Team

Mar. 29 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
4:00 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved
7:00 PM Drum Circle

Mar. 30 Saturday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Reserved

Mar. 31 Sunday

9:15 AM All-Ages Worship
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour
11:00 AM Worship – Traditional service
4:00 PM Rental: Sanctuary Reserved

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#1003 Where Do We Come From

Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?

Where do we come from?

Mystery. Mystery. Life is a riddle and a mystery.

Where do we come from? Where are we going?

#347 Gather the Spirit

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

Chorus: Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,
with body and spirit united once more.

(Chorus)

Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one.

(Chorus)

#121 We'll Build a Land

We'll build a land where we bind up the broken.
We'll build a land where the captives go free,
where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.
Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.

Chorus: Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.

We'll build a land where we bring the good tidings
to all the afflicted and all those who mourn.
And we'll give them garlands instead of ashes.
Oh, we'll build a land where peace is born.

(Chorus)

We'll be a land building up ancient cities,
raising up devastations from old;
restoring ruins of generations.
Oh, we'll build a land of people so bold.

(Chorus)

Come, build a land where the mantles of praises
resound from spirits once faint and once weak;
where like oaks of righteousness stand her people.
Oh, come build the land, my people we seek.

(Chorus)

#1021 *Lean on Me*

Sometimes in our lives
we all have pain,
we all have sorrow.
But if we are wise
we know that there's
always tomorrow.

Chorus: Lean on me when you're not strong
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need
somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride
if I have things
you need to borrow,
For no one can fill
those of your needs
that you won't let show.

Bridge: Just call on me brother when you need a hand.
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'd understand.
We all need somebody to lean on.

Chorus

Bridge

If there is a load
you have to bear
that you can't carry,
I'm right up the road,
I'll share your load
if you just call me.

Call me... call me...