

★ **Interdependence**  
★ **Restorative Justice**  
★ **Collaborative**  
**Ministry**  
★ **Collective**  
**Liberation**



**ENGAGE!**

14 March 2024 - Rev. Sunshine Wolfe - Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

# **“Engage!”: Embracing the Liberating Religion**

Order of Service:

April 14, 2024, 11:00 AM

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## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering	Brad Bolton
Welcome	Lori Mirkin-McGee Commissioned Lay Minister
Chime	
Prelude	<i>Star Trek Voyager Theme</i> by Jerry Goldsmith Vanessa Vesely, piano
Opening Words	Rev. Sunshine Wolfe UUA Congregational Life Staff Central East Region
Chalice Lighting	by Orlanda Brugnola
<p>“Flame, friend of our most ancient ancestors, we kindle you now in this time. Yet, in truth, you burn always, in the unique worth of each person, in the imagination, in the turning of the heart to sorrow or joy, in the call to hope and in the call to justice. Burn bright before us. Burn bright within us.”</p>	
Opening Hymn	<i>#188 Come, Come Whoever You Are</i> Holly Wickersham, Hymn Leader
Time for All Ages	<i>Change Sings</i> by Amanda Gorman, illustrated by Loren Long Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

## **Reflecting**

Sermon: Part 1

Rev. Sunshine Wolfe

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 *Find A Stillness*, instrumental
- Reading from *The Little Book of Restorative Justice*  
by Howard Zehr
- Reflection Hymn #402 *From You I Receive*
- Sermon: Part 2
- Offering
- Offering Music *We Shall Be Known*  
by Karisha Longaker (of MaMuse)

**Returning**

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 until we are together again.

- Closing Hymn #1017 *Building a New Way*  
by Martha Sandefer
- Benediction



*Next Sunday, April 21, 2024*

*9:15 AM All-ages Worship: An Amazing World Below  
Led by Affiliated Minister Rev. Renee Ruchotzke, Transitional Music Director  
Emily Hall and Worship Associate Randy Ruchotzke*

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

*11:00 AM Traditional Worship: Ecotopia  
Led by Heidi Shaffer Bish and Worship Associate Randy Bish*

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**Activities & Events: Mar. April 14 - 21, 2024**<https://kentuu.org/calendar>[kentuu.org/news/announcements-events](https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events)

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**April 14 Sunday**

9:15 AM All-Ages Worship  
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
11:00 AM Worship – Traditional service  
12:00 PM Shared Ministries Council

**Apr. 15 Monday****Apr. 16 Tuesday**

11:30 AM Worship Meeting  
1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
5:30 PM Annex Reserved  
6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall  
6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Committee on Shared Ministries  
7:00 PM Journey of Belonging

**Apr. 17 Wednesday**

4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group  
6:00 PM Peace Chorus

**Apr. 18 Thursday**

5:00 PM Music Ministry Team  
6:45 PM Board of Trustees  
7:00 PM Covenant Group  
7:00 PM Sacred Song Circle

**Apr. 19 Friday**

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
5:30 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved

**Apr. 20 Saturday**

10:00 AM Fessenden Hall Reserved  
10:30 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved  
4:30 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

**Apr. 21 Sunday**

9:15 AM All-Ages Worship  
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
11:00 AM Worship – Traditional service  
12:00 PM Annual Information Meeting

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### **#188 Come, Come Whoever You Are**

Come, come, whoever you are,  
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.  
Ours is no caravan of despair.  
Come, yet again come.

### **#402 From You I Receive**

From you I receive,  
to you I give,  
together we share,  
and from this we live.

### **We Shall Be Known**

by Karisha Longaker (of MaMuse)

We shall be known by the company we keep  
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires  
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap  
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive  
It is time we lead ourselves into the well  
It is time now, and what a time to be alive  
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love  
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love

### **#1017 Building a New Way**

by Martha Sandefer

We are building a new way.  
We are building a new way.  
We are building a new way,  
feeling stronger ev'ry day,  
We are building a new way.

We are working to be free.  
We are working to be free.  
We are working to be free,  
hate and greed and jealousy.  
We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need.  
We can feed our ev'ry need.  
We can feed our ev'ry need,  
Start with love, that is the seed.  
We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.  
Peace and freedom is our cry.  
Peace and freedom is our cry,  
Without these this world will die.  
Peace and freedom is our cry.