

ECOTOPIA



21 April 2024
Heidi Shaffer Bish
Randy Bish
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



Ecotopia

Order of Service:

April 21, 2024, 11:00 AM

"In nature, nothing exists alone." – Rachel Carson, Silent Spring

Gathering

Music for Gathering	Julie Swango
Welcome and Chime	Randy Bish, Worship Associate
Prelude	<i>Mother Earth, Beloved Garden</i> by Amanda Udis-Kessler
Opening Words	Heidi Shaffer Bish, Worship Leader
Chalice Lighting (in unison)	by Rev. William F. Schultz Randy Bish

Come into this place of peace
And let its silence heal your spirit;
Come into this place of memory
And let its history warm your soul;
Come into this place of prophecy and power
And let its vision change your heart

Opening Hymn	#175 <i>We Celebrate the Web of Life</i> Lyrics by Alicia S. Carpenter
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Reflecting

Centering and Silence	Randy Bish
Holding One Another in Care and Compassion	
Responsive Reading	#518 from the Ojibway Indians of North America

Grandfather, look at our brokenness;

*We know that in all creation
Only the human family
Has strayed from the Sacred Way*

We know that we are the ones who are divided,

*And we are the ones
Who must come back together
To walk in the Sacred Way.*

**Grandfather, Sacred One,
Teach us love, compassion, and honor**

*That we may heal the earth
And heal each other.*

Musical Meditation

Sermon: Part 1

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Reading

from *Ecotopia Emerging*, by Ernest Callenbach

Reflection Hymn

#318 *We Would Be One*

Sermon: Part 2

Offering

Little Garden, by Alya Nereo

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

#298 *Wake, Now, My Senses*

Benediction



Next Sunday, April 28, 2024

*9:15 AM All-ages Worship: Come Sing a Song with Me
Led by Transitional Music Director Emily Hall, Director of Religious
Education Colleen Thoele, and Affiliated Minister Rev. Renee Ruchotzke,*

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

*11:00 AM Traditional Worship: A Sacred Chord
Led by Transitional Music Director Emily Hall
and Affiliated Minister Rev. Christie Anderson*

Activities & Events: Mar. April 21 - 28, 2024<https://kentuu.org/calendar>kentuu.org/news/announcements-events**April 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

Apr. 22 Monday

7:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
 Reserved
 6:30 PM Worship Arts Team
 7:00 PM Brass Quintet Rehearsal

Apr. 23 Tuesday

6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall
 6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal
 7:15 PM Community Sing

Apr. 24 Wednesday

7:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
 12:30 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved
 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
 4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group
 6:00 PM Peace Chorus

Apr. 25 Thursday

6:30 PM Worship Arts Team

Apr. 26 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
 7:00 PM Dances of Universal Peace

Apr. 27 Saturday

11:00 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved – Auction event

Apr. 28 Sunday

9:15 AM All-Ages Worship
 10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour
 11:00 AM Worship – Traditional service
 2:00 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved – Auction Event

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#175 *We Celebrate the Web of Life*

We celebrate the web of life, its magnitude we sing;
for we can see divinity in every living thing.

A fragment of the perfect whole in cactus and in quail,
as much in tiny barnacle as in the great blue whale.

Of ancient dreams we are the sum; our bones link stone to star,
and bind our future worlds to come with worlds that were and are.

Respect the water, land, and air which gave all creatures birth;
protect the lives of all that share the glory of the earth.

#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.

#298 *Wake Now My Senses*

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power of being in all;
keep, with the web of creation your vow,
giving, receiving as love shows us how.

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new;
join with each pilgrim who quests for the true;
honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide;
join with all people whose rights are denied;
take not for granted a privileged place;
God's love embraces the whole human race.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
brighten my pathway with radiance here;
mingle my calling with all who will share;
work toward a planet transformed by our care.