

Open Minds, Helping Hands,
and Loving Hearts:
RE and Bridging Sunday



12 May 2024
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Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Open Minds, Helping Hands, Loving Hearts ***Religious Education and Bridging Sunday***

Order of Service:

May 12, 2024, 11:00 AM

Please see one of our greeters if you would like to use a set of headphones, a large-print order of service or hymnal.

Music for Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Josephine Brannan

Chalice Lighting

Justin Diehl and Morgan Gregg

Covenant

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.

Call to Worship

Colleen Thoele
Director of Religious Education

Chime

Stella Diehl

Opening Hymn

#118 *This Little Light of Mine*

Middle School Presentation

Amanda Rome, Middle School Teacher
Percy Rubenstahl
Meredith Wakefiled

Joys and Sorrows

Honoring Song

The Honoring Song
by Mallory Heartsong
Kailani Walker, guitar; Lo Thoele, vocals;
Vanessa Vesely, piano

Pastoral prayer

Hymn of Community

#123 *Spirit of Life*
Benny Hovancsek, piano

High School Reflection

Raylynn Rome

Volunteer Appreciation

Offering/offertory

The Rainbow Connection
by Paul Williams and Kenneth Ascher
Meredith Wakefield and Lo Thoele, vocals
Brad Bolton, banjo; Christie Anderson, accordion
and Rhonda Richardson, violin
Evian Rome and John Rannuci

Honoring our Graduates

Bridging Ritual

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 Song (video)

The World is Waiting
by Hal Walker

*You've got a light, a light inside you. Go on your way in peace.
So shine that light, the light inside you. Go on your way in peace.
The world is waiting in the hope of another day.
She will carry you safely through the stumbles and the falls on the way.
Just remember that I'm loving you and you're loving me.
So as you go, won't you go on your way now in peace. (x2)*

Benediction



Next Sunday, May 19, 2024

*9:15 AM All-ages Worship: Talking Across Differences
Led by DRE Colleen Thoele with a Reflection from Randy Bish*

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

*11:00 AM Traditional Worship: Finding Hope
Led by Elaine Yehle Bowen*

Activities & Events: May 12 - 19, 2024<https://kentuu.org/calendar>kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

May 12 Sunday

9:15 AM All-Ages Worship
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour
11:00 AM Worship – Traditional service

May 13 Monday**May 14 Tuesday**

12:00 PM Hobbs Hall Kitchen Reserved
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved
6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall
6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal
6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team
6:30 PM Community Sing

May 15 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group
5:00 PM Rental: Hobbs Hall Reserved
6:00 PM Peace Chorus Rehearsal

May 16 Thursday

7:00 PM Thursday Covenant Group
7:00 PM Sacred Song Circle

May 17 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
10:00 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved

May 18 Saturday

10:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Reserved

May 19 Sunday

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

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Visit our website.

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#118 This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine...

Honoring Song

by Mallory Heartsong

(invitation)

What are you longing for?
What are you grieving for?
What are you thankful for?
We're here to listen.

(response)

We're here with you.
We honor you.
And we love you.

#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.