



The Gift of Listening



30 June 2024
Rev. Susan Odessky
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

The Gift of Listening

Order of Service:

June 30, 2024

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| Music for Gathering | Benjamin Pritchard |
| Welcome | Kathy Kerns, CLM Worship Leader |
| Chime | |
| Prelude | <i>To Listen Is To Lean In Softly</i> by Ian Carrick Katie Grigg-Miller |
| Chalice Lighting | <i>Why We're Here</i> by Erik Walker Wikstrom Rev. Susan Odessky, Worship Leader |

Here, today, in this place and with these people,
May we listen so that we can hear;
May we hear so that we can feel;
May we feel so that we can know; and
May we know so that we can change ourselves and this world.
May this chalice we light,
Light our Way.

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| Opening Hymn | <i>#1008 When Our Heart Is in A Holy Place</i> Holly Wickersham, Hymn Leader |
| Time for All Ages | <i>The Rabbit Listened</i> by Cori Doerrfeld Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education |
| Singing the Children Out | <i>Thank You</i> , by Barbara Dunn |

You are the light of our lives. You are our hope for the future.
Your song fills the air with the love that you share, so thank you!
(repeat)

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*

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| Music Meditation | #391 <i>Voice Still and Small</i> |
| Reading | <i>The Art of Listening</i> by Anne Tannam Rev. Susan Odessky |
| Reflection Hymn | #112 <i>Do You Hear?</i> |
| Sermon | <i>The Gift of Listening</i> Rev. Susan Odessky |
| Listening Experience | |
| Offering | |
| 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 | #318 <i>We Would Be One</i> |
| Benediction | Rev. Susan Odessky |



July 7 2024
10:00 AM in Hobbs Hall

Whoa! Opening Ourselves to Awe
Led by Ginny Horvath with
with Worship Associate Rev. Christie Anderson

Activities & Events: June 30 – July 7, 2024

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

June 30 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour

July 1 Monday

6:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

July 2 Tuesday

10:30 AM Hobbs Hall Kitchen Reserved
2:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall

July 3 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group
5:30 PM Website Committee

July 4 Thursday Independence Day

July 5 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
6:00 PM Concert – Hobbs Hall

July 6 Saturday

July 7 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
4:45 PM Community Meal

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Visit our website.



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#1008 *When Our Heart Is in A Holy Place*

Chorus: When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place,
We are bless'd with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.

When we trust the wisdom in each of us,
Ev'ry color ev'ry creed and kind,
And we see our faces in each other's eyes,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

Chorus

When we tell our story from deep inside,
And we listen with a loving mind,
And we hear our voices in each other's words,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

Chorus

When we share the silence of sacred space,
And the God of our Heart stirs within,
And we feel the power of each other's faith,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

Chorus

#391 *Voice Still and Small*

Voice still and small, deep inside all,
I hear you call, singing.
In storm and rain, sorrow and pain,
still we'll remain singing.
Calming my fears, quenching my tears,
through all the years, singing.

#112 Do You Hear?

Do you hear, oh my friend, in the place where you stand,
through the sky, through the land, do you hear, do you hear?
In the heights, on the plain, in the vale, on the main,
in the sun, in the rain, do you hear, do you hear?

Through the roar, through the rush, through the throng,
through the crush, do you hear in the hush of your soul, of your soul?
Hear the cry fear won't still, hear the heart's call to will,
hear a sigh's startling trill in your soul, in your soul?

From the place where you stand to the outermost strand,
do you hear, oh my friend, do you hear, do you hear?
All the dreams, all the dares, all the sighs, all the prayers —
they are yours, mine, and theirs — do you hear, do you hear?

#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.