



Whoa! Opening Ourselves to Awe



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“Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement. . . .
get up in the morning and look at the work in a way that takes nothing
for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible;
never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.”

-Abraham Joshua Heschel

Order of Service

July 7, 2024

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Christie Anderson
Affiliated Community Minister
Worship Associate

Chime

Prelude

Stars, by Namoli Brennet
Brad Bolton, guitar and vocals and Emily Hall, vocals

Opening Words

Rev. Christie Anderson

Chalice Lighting

UU Church of Kent Covenant

We affirm that each life has brilliance and, when joined with others
in joyful community, has the power to transform.

We pledge ourselves and our resources to this journey.

This covenant inspires and challenges us
to dwell together in right relationship. We promise to extend hospitality,
nurture community for all ages, encourage spiritual growth,
honor diversity, and practice kindness.

Opening Hymn

#21 For the Beauty of the Earth

Reflection, Part I: Everyday Wonder

Ginny Horvath
Service Leader

Reading: from *Awe*

by Dacher Keltner
Rev. Christie Anderson

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*

Sung response from *The Honoring Song*
by Mallory Heartsong

Reflection, Part II: Opening Ourselves to Finding Awe Ginny Horvath

Reading: *Tiny, Perfect Things* by M.H. Clark
Lo Thoele

Reading: *Wonder Walkers* by Micah Archer
Katie Hovancsek

Reading: *Because* by Mo Willems
Benny Hovancsek

Reading: *The Best Day Ever* by Hal Walker
Rev. Christie Anderson

Offering Rev. Christie Anderson

Offertory #1068, *Rising Green*
by Carolyn McDade, arr. Jim Scott
Vanessa Vesely, piano Carol Gould, viola Emily Hall, vocals

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: #126 *Come, Thou, Fount of Every Blessing*

Benediction: *In Every Life* by Marla Frazee
<https://youtu.be/7dJv89g1hvs>



Next Sunday: July 14, 2024
"It's a Jungle Out There!"
Julie Swango, Service Leader
with Randy Bish, Worship Associate
10:00 AM in Hobbs Hall

Activities & Events: July 7 - 14, 2024

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

July 7 Sunday

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

July 8 Monday

6:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

July 9 Tuesday

2:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall

July 10 Wednesday

6:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group
5:30 PM Website Committee

July 11 Thursday

6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team

July 12 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
4:00 PM Finance Committee

July 13 Saturday

July 14 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour

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Visit our website.



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#121, For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Honoring Song

We're here with you
We honor you
and we love you

#1068, Rising Green

My blood doth rise in the roots of yon oak, her sap doth run in my veins.
Boundless my soul like the open sky where the stars forever have lain.
Where the stars, where the stars, where the stars forever have lain.

My hands hold the weavings of time without end, my sight as deep as the sea.
Beating, my heart sounds the measures of old, that of love's eternity.
That of love, that of love, that of love's eternity.

I feel the tides as they answer the moon, rushing on a far distant sand.
Winging my song is the wind of my breast and my love blows over the land.
And my love, and my love, and my love blows over the land.

My foot carries days of the old into new, our dreaming shows us the way.
Wondrous our faith settles deep in the earth, rising green to bring a new day.
Rising green, rising green, rising green to bring a new day.

#126 Come, Thou, Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune our ears to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of life's perfection fills our hearts with joy and love,
teach us ever to be faithful, may we still thy goodness prove.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry vision, lift our eyes to what may come.
See the lion and the young lamb dwell together in thy home.
Hear the cries of war fall silent, feel our love glow like the sun.
When we all serve one another, then our heaven is begun.

Come, thou fount of inspiration, turn our lives to higher ways.
Lift our gloom and desperation, show the promise of this day.
Help us bind ourselves in union, help our hands tell of our love.
With thine aid, O fount of justice, earth be fair as heav'n above.