

A person wearing a hat and jacket stands on a wooden dock, looking out at a vast, dark body of water under a night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy. The sky transitions from deep purple and blue at the top to a warm orange glow near the horizon. The dock is made of weathered wooden planks and extends from the bottom left towards the center of the frame.

# *Reimagining the Human Story*



1 September 2024  
Rev. Christie Anderson  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

# Reimagining the Human Story

Order of Service

August 25, 2024

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Music for Gathering

Julie Swango

Welcome

Rev. Christie Anderson  
Affiliated Minister

Chime

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Twins in Womb*  
Folk tale from India

Chalice Lighting

May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations and inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the altar of humanity.

May we know that we are connected in mystery and miracle, to the universe, to this community and to each other.

Opening Hymn

*#8 Mother Spirit, Father Spirit*

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

Sharing our sorrows

Silence

Prayer

Sharing our joys

Musical Meditation

Raylynn Rome, Native American flute

Dialog with Spirit, part 1

Past and Present

Reflection Hymn

*#1073 The Earth is Our Mother*

Reflection

Mystical experience

Dialog conclusion

Offering

*The Overview (video)*  
by Planetary Collective

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.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

#1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Benediction



*Next Sunday: September 8, 2024  
10:00 AM in Hobbs Hall*

*Ingathering Sunday  
Led by Rev. Kristina Church with DRE Colleen Thoele*

*Join us for a Fall Harvest All-church Potluck Dinner following the service.*

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## Activities & Events: Sept. 1 - 8, 2024

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

[kentuu.org/news/announcements-events](https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events)

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### Sept. 1 Sunday

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

### Sept. 2 Monday Labor Day

### Sept. 3 Tuesday

2:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall

### Sept. 4 Wednesday

1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group

### Sept. 5 Thursday

6:30 PM Board of Trustees

### Sept. 6 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

### Sept. 7 Saturday

11:00 AM Betty Munro Celebration of Life

### Sept. 8 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Fall Harvest Potluck Dinner  
Drumming Circle (following potluck)

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**Church Office:** The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex  
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Visit our website.



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## **#8 Mother Spirit, Father Spirit**

Mother Spirit, Father Spirit, where are you?  
In the sky song, in the forest, sounds your cry.  
What to give you, what to call you, what am I?

Many drops are in the ocean, deep and wide.  
Sunlight bounces off the ripples to the sky.  
What to give you, what to call you, who am I?

I am empty, time flies from me; what is time?  
Dreams eternal, fears infernal haunt my heart.  
What to give you, what to call you, O, my God?

Mother Spirit, Father Spirit, take our hearts.  
Take our breath and let our voices sing our parts.  
Take our hands and let us work to shape our art.

## **#1073 *The Earth is Our Mother***

The Earth is our Mother, we must take care of her;  
The Earth is our Mother, we must take care of her.

Chorus: heyyunga hoyunga, heyyung yung;  
          heyyunga hoyunga, heyyung yung

Her sacred ground we walk upon with every step we take;  
Her sacred ground we walk upon with every step we take;

Chorus

The Earth is our Mother, she will take care of us;  
The Earth is our Mother, she will take care of us;

Chorus

The Sky is our Father, we will take care of him;  
the Sky is our Father, we will take care of him.

Chorus

The Sea is our Sister, we will take care of her;  
the Sea is our Sister, we will take care of her.

Chorus

The Forest is our Brother, we will take care of him;  
the Forest is our Brother, we will take care of him.

Chorus

**#1064 *Blue Boat Home***

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:  
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.  
Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song:  
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.