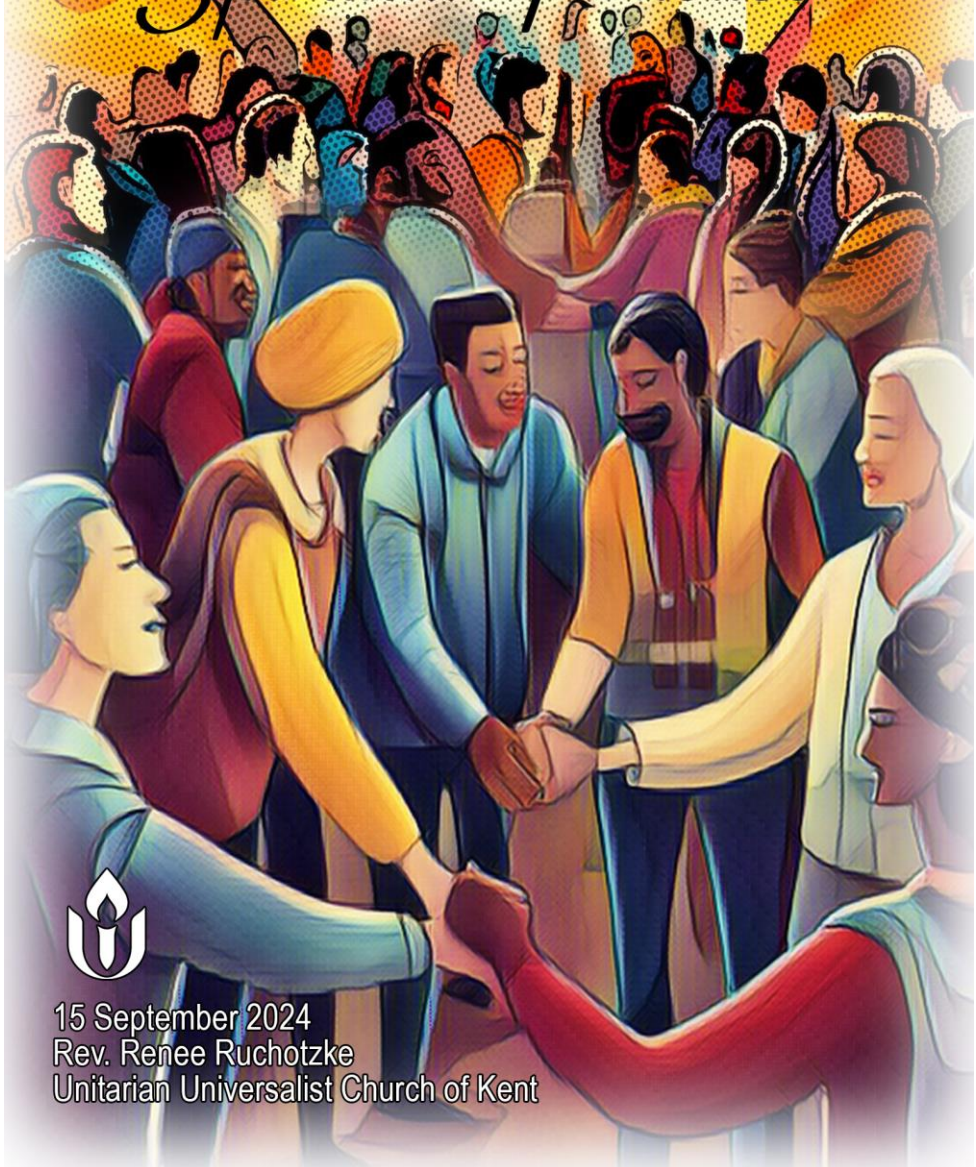


Dignity as a Group Spiritual Practice



15 September 2024
Rev. Renee Ruchotzke
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

September 15, 2024

“Dignity is a human phenomenon. Our desire for it is our highest common denominator.”

— Donna Hicks

Gathering

Music for Gathering *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*, spiritual
arr. Aaron Weitekamp
Wayfaring Stranger, folk song; arr. Jeff Anderson
Shenandoah, trad; arr. Jeff Anderson
Danny Boy (Londonderry Air), trad. Irish; arr. Aaron Weitekamp
Tarnished Brass

Welcome Randy Bish, Worship Associate

Chime

Prelude *Children Will Listen*, by Stephen Sondheim
Vanessa Vesely, piano; Emily Hall vocals

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting 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

Opening Hymn #1000 *Morning Has Come*

Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion Rev. Renee Ruchotzke
Affiliated Minister

*A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses,
pastoral prayer, and sharing our joys, wonder and awe*

Music Meditation *I Will Be Gentle with Myself*, Traditional chant

Reading *Fighting Back*, from *The Sun Magazine*
by Wendy N. Cohen

Reflection Hymn #1053 *How Could Anyone*

Sermon *Dignity as A Group Spiritual Practice*
Rev. Renee Ruchotzke

Returning

Offering *When I Am Frightened*
by Shelly Jackson Denham

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 *I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to be Free*
by Billy Taylor

Benediction Rev. Renee Ruchotzke

Postlude *What A Wonderful World*
words and music by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele
arr. by Jayan Nandagopan
Tarnished Brass



Book mentioned: *Dignity: Its Essential Role in Resolving Conflict*, by Donna Hicks, PhD (2013)

Tarnished Brass Ensemble Members

Christie Anderson	Don Easterling	Jennifer May
Randy Ruchotzke	Dave Watt	

Next Sunday: September 22, 2024
In the Sanctuary

9:15 AM All-ages Worship:
Led by Rev. Kristina Church and DRE Colleen Thoele

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

11:00 AM Traditional Worship
Led by Rev. Kristina Church with Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

Activities & Events: Sept. 15 - 22, 2024<https://kentuu.org/calendar>kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Sept. 15 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour
2:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved: Auction event

Sept. 16 Monday

6:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

Sept. 17 Tuesday

6:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall
6:30 PM Committee on Shared Ministry

Sept. 18 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group
6:00 PM OWL Team Meeting

Sept. 19 Thursday

5:00 PM Rental: Hobbs Hall Reserved
6:30 PM Board of Trustees
7:00 PM Thursday Covenant Group

Sept. 20 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
7:00 PM ~~Kirtan~~ Concert with Brad & Margo

Sept. 21 Saturday**Sept. 22 Sunday**

9:15 AM Worship
10:00 AM Small Group Discussions & Social Hour
11:00 AM Worship

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#1000 Morning Has Come

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n.
Wonder fills this moment shared together.
The light of peace here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

#1053 How Could Anyone

How could anyone ever tell you
you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you
you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice
that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to be Free

by Billy Taylor

I wish I knew how it would feel to be free
I wish I could break all the chains holding me
I wish I could say all the things that I should say
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear
For the whole round world to hear

I wish I could share all the love that's in my heart
Remove all the bars that keep us apart
I wish you could know what it means to be me
Then you'd see and agree
That every man should be free

I wish I could give all I'm longing to give
I wish I could live like I'm longing to live
I wish I could do all the things that I can do
Though I'm way overdue, I'd be starting anew

Well, I wish I could be like a bird in the sky
How sweet it would be if I found I could fly
Oh, I'd soar to the sun and look down at the sea
And then I'd sing 'cause I'd know, yeah
Then I'd sing 'cause I'd know, yeah
Then I'd sing 'cause I'd know
I'd know how it feels
I'd know how it feels to be free, yeah, yeah
Oh, I'd know how it feels
Yes, I'd know, I'd know how it feels
How it feels to be free