



A Grateful Turning



22 September 2024
Rev. Kristina Church
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

September 22, 2024

Gathering

Music for Gathering	John Wickersham, piano
Welcome	Rev. Kristina Church, Minister
Chime	
Prelude	<i>This Pretty Planet</i> by Tom Chapin and John Forster led by Holly Wickersham, Vanessa Vesely, and Emily Hall
Opening Words	words by Sarah Gettie McNeill Rev. Kristina Church
Chalice Lighting	words by Sharon Wylie Elaine Bowen, Worship Associate
Opening Hymn	<i>#347 Gather the Spirit</i>
Time for All Ages	<i>Reflections on our Personal Harvest</i> Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Reflecting

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*

Music Meditation	<i>To Everything There Is a Season</i> by Ed Harris Holly Wickersham, soprano and John Wickersham, piano
Reflection	Elaine Bowen
Musical Moment	<i>Round and Round</i> , Trad. 2nd part by Alexa Sunshine Rose led by Holly Wickersham, Vanessa Vesely, and Emily Hall

Reflection Heidi Sumser

Reflection Hymn #53 *I Walk the Unfrequented Road*

Reflection *A Grateful Turning*
Rev. Kristina Church

Returning

Offering *So We Go*
by Pat DeSimio
Emily Hall, vocals and guitar; Vanessa Vesely, piano

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Closing Hymn #163 *For the Earth Forever Turning*

Benediction words by Michelle Collins
Rev. Kristina Church



Next Sunday: September 29, 2024
A Neighborly Day in this Beauty Wood

9:15 AM All-ages Worship
Led by Rev. Kristina Church, DRE Colleen Thoele,
and Music Director Emily Hall

10:00 AM Lifespan Religious Exploration
and Social Hour in Hobbs Hall

11:00 AM Traditional Worship
Led by Rev. Kristina Church with Worship Associate Kathy Kerns

Activities & Events: Sept. 22 - 29, 2024<https://kentuu.org/calendar>kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Sept. 22 Sunday

9:15 AM Worship
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour
(Hobbs Hall Library Reserved)
11:00 AM Worship

Sept. 23 Monday

6:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

Sept. 24 Tuesday

6:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall
7:30 PM Community Sing

Sept. 25 Wednesday

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

Sept. 26 Thursday

9:00 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved

Sept. 27 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

Sept. 28 Saturday**Sept. 29 Sunday**

9:15 AM Worship
10:00 AM Small Group Discussions & Social Hour
(Hobbs Hall Library Reserved)
11:00 AM Worship
12:00 PM OWL Parent Meeting

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Visit our website.

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This Pretty Planet

by Tom Chapin and John Forster

This pretty planet spinning through space,
Our garden, our harbor,
Our holy place,
Golden sun going down,
Gentle blue giant spins us around.
All through the night, safe 'til the morning light.

#347 Gather the Spirit

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

Chorus: Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,
with body and spirit united once more.

Chorus

Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one.

Chorus

Round and Round, trad.

2nd part by Alexa Sunshine Rose

Round and round the earth is turning
Turning ever into morning
And from morning into night

#53 I Walk The Unfrequented Road

I walk the unfrequented road with open eye and ear;
I watch afield the farmer load the bounty of the year.

I filch the fruit of no one's toil — no trespasser am I —
and yet I reap from every soil and from the boundless sky.

I gather where I did not sow, and bend the mystic sheaf,
the amber air, the river's flow, the rustle of the leaf.

A beauty springtime never knew haunts all the quiet ways,
and sweeter shines the landscape through its veil of autumn haze.

I face the hills, the streams, the wood, and feel with all akin;
my heart expands; their fortitude and peace and joy flow in.

#163 For the Earth Forever Turning

*For the earth forever turning; for the skies, for ev'ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish, sing we our joyful song of peace.*

*For the mountains, hills, and pastures in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful song of peace.*

*For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons' harmony,
for our lives, for all creation, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.*

*For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth;
in our joy we sing returning home to our bluegreen hills of earth.*