

Water Dance



8 September 2024
Rev. Kristina Church
Colleen Thoele, DRE
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



Water Dance

Order of Service

September 8, 2024

*Water, I yearn for you in someplace
deeper than hope.
surer than faith.
someplace I only know must be
the source of love.
I strain my ears to hear you, Beloved Sister,
beloved one of my earth,
you in my veins.*

-from original Unitarian Universalist Water Ritual,
created by Lucile Schuck Longview and Carolyn McDade

Gathering

Music for Gathering John Wickersham, piano

Welcome Colleen Thoele
Director of Religious Education

Chime

Prelude *Gathered Here*, by Philip A. Porter

Call to Worship by Molly Housh Gordon
Rev. Kristina Church, Minister

Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice because we are Unitarian Universalists. This is the church of the open mind. This is the church of the helping hands. This is the church of the loving hearts. This is the church that takes care of the Earth and each other.

Opening Hymn *#126 Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*

Time for All Ages *Water Dance*
by Thomas Locker
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Story Reflection Rev. Kristina Church

Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation

Water Communion

Raindrop Crystals Blessings

Welcoming of Rev. Kristina

Returning

Offering

Glorious
by Stephanie Mabey
Musicians of Kent UU

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

#1064 Blue Boat Home

Benediction

Rev. Kristina Church, Minister



*Next Sunday: September 15, 2024
10:00 AM in Hobbs Hall*

*Dignity as a Group Spiritual Practice
Led by Rev. Renee Ruchtozke and Worship Associate Randy Bish*

Activities & Events: Sept. 8 - 15, 2024

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Sept. 8 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Fall Harvest Potluck
Drumming Circle

Sept. 9 Monday

6:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
12:00 PM Hobbs Hall Kitchen Reserved

Sept. 10 Tuesday

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

Sept. 11 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group

Sept. 12 Thursday

6:00 PM De-escalation Training

Sept. 13 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
4:00 PM Finance Committee
7:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved: Auction event

Sept. 14 Saturday

9:00 AM Board Retreat
3:00 PM Dances of Universal Peace

Sept. 15 Sunday

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

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(yellow house) next to the church building

Visit our website.



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#126 Come, Thou Font of Every 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.

#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.