

# The Open Door



1 October 2024  
Rev Kristina Church  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

October 6, 2024

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## **Gathering**

- Music for Gathering Katie Grigg-Miller, piano
- Welcome Lori Mirkin-McGee  
Commissioned Lay Minister
- Chime
- Prelude *Who By Fire*  
by Leonard Cohen
- Call to Worship words by Leah Ongiri  
Rev. Kristina Church, Minister
- Chalice Lighting words by Maureen Killoran
- For every time we make a mistake and we decide to start again:  
We light this chalice.
- For every time we are lonely and we let someone be our friend:  
We light this chalice.
- For every time we are disappointed and we choose to hope:  
We light this chalice.
- Opening Hymn *#217 O Sing Hallelujah*
- Time for All Ages *Oh, Jonah . . .*  
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 *Ayeka*  
by Aly Halpert

Sermon, Part I

*Across the Threshold*  
Rev. Kristina Church

Music Interlude

*Who Can Say*  
words adapted from *Gates of Repentance*  
music by Max Janowski

Sermon, Part II

*The Open Door*

## Returning

Offering

*Awaken*  
by Marni Loffman

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

#399 *Vine and Fig Tree*

Benediction

from *Gates of Repentance*  
Rev. Kristina Church



*Next Sunday: October 13, 2024*  
*Listening Out Loud*

*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 Heidi Shaffer Bish*

## Activities & Events: Oct. 6 - 13, 2024

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

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

### Oct. 6 Sunday

9:15 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
11:00 AM Worship  
11:30 AM OWL Team Meeting  
12:15 PM Shared Ministries Council  
4:45 PM Community Meal

### Oct. 7 Monday

6:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team  
6:30 PM OWL Team Meeting

### Oct. 8 Tuesday

6:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
2:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall  
6:00 PM Peace Chorus  
7:30 PM Community Sing

### Oct. 9 Wednesday

1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group  
6:00 PM OWL  
6:30 PM Worship Art Team

### Oct. 10 Thursday

6:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

### Oct. 11 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
10:00 AM Personnel Committee

### Oct. 12 Saturday

Hobbs Hall Kitchen Reserved

### Oct. 13 Sunday

9:15 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
11:00 AM Worship  
12:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved  
12:30 PM Connections Team Brunch  
at the Ruchotzke's home  
6:00 PM Drag Queen Bingo

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**Church Office:** The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex  
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### **#217 O Sing Hallelujah**

O sing hallelujah: O sing hallelujah.  
All praise be to you  
through the high arch of the heavens,  
and praise be by sun, moon, and stars.

Chorus: By trumpet, harp, and lute,  
with cymbals and strings and flute,  
with dancing, singing,  
and music we praise you.  
Sing hallelujah.

O sing hallelujah:  
O sing hallelujah.  
Our father and mother  
and sov'reign of all mercies,  
we wish to be quit of all war.

(Chorus)

O sing hallelujah:  
O sing hallelujah.  
Our father and mother and  
sov'reign of all mercies,  
inscribe us on pages of life.

(Chorus)

### **#399 Vine and Fig Tree**

And ev'ry one 'neath a vine and fig tree  
shall live in peace and unafraid. (Repeat)

And into plowshares turn their swords;  
nations shall learn war no more. (Repeat)