



# What a Wonderful World



17 November 2024  
Heidi Shaffer Bish  
Randy Bish

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

# ***What a Wonderful World!***

Order of Service: 11:00 AM

November 17, 2024

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*“Gratitude is not only the greatest of the virtues,  
but the parent of all the others.”*

-Marcus Tullius Cicero

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

*Somewhere Over the Rainbow*  
by Harold Arlen, arranged by Valter Valerio

*Wonderful Tonight*  
by Eric Clapton, arr. by Yannick Jung  
music played by the Tarnished Brass

Welcome

Heidi Shaffer Bish & Randy Bish  
Worship Leaders

Chime

Prelude

*They Say It's Wonderful*, by Irving Berlin  
arr. by Jayan Nandagopan.

Call to Worship

Randy Bish

Chalice Lighting

Covenant of the UU Church of Kent

We affirm that each life has brilliance and, when joined with others in joyful community, has the power to transform. We pledge ourselves and our resources to this journey. This covenant inspires and challenges us to dwell together in right relationship. We promise to extend hospitality, nurture community for all ages, encourage spiritual growth, honor diversity, and practice kindness.

Opening Hymn

*#349 We Gather Together*

Time for All Ages

adapted from the words of Tim Adkins  
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

## Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

*Sharing our sorrows and joys.*

Meditation

Randy Bish  
Raylynn Rome, Native American Flute

Video

*The Science of Gratitude*  
Produced by Tremendo.us  
permission granted by Scott Matthews

Reflection Hymn

*#331 Life Is the Greatest Gift of All*

Homily

*What A Wonderful World!*  
Heidi Shaffer Bish

## Returning

Offertory

*What a Wonderful World*  
by George Davis Weiss and Bob Thiele, arr. by Jayan Nandagopan  
Kevyn Breedon, vocals

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

*#128 For All That Is Our Life*

Benediction

Postlude

*What a Wonderful World*, a reprisal



*Next Sunday: November 24, 2024*

*The Honorable Harvest*

*9:15 AM, an all-ages worship service*

*Led by Rev. Kristina Church and DRE Colleen Thoele*

*10:00 AM Lifespan Religious Exploration*

*and Social Hour in Hobbs Hall*

*11:00 AM, a traditional worship service*

*Led by Rev. Kristina Church and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen*

**Activities & Events: Nov. 17 - 24, 2024**<https://kentuu.org/calendar>[kentuu.org/news/announcements-events](https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events)**Nov. 17 Sunday**

9:15 AM Worship  
 10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 12:00 PM Presentation: Project Terrabona Health  
 2:30 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved

1:30 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved  
 7:00 PM Thursday Covenant Group

**Nov. 22 Friday**

5:15 PM Hobbs Hall Market set up  
 7:00 PM Drumming Circle

**Nov. 18 Monday**

7:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

**Nov. 23 Saturday**

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall  
 2:00 PM Hobbs Hall reset  
 4:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

**Nov. 19 Tuesday**

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
 1:00 PM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
 2:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall  
 6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall  
 6:00 PM Peace Chorus  
 7:30 PM Community Sing

**Nov. 24 Sunday**

9:15 AM Worship  
 10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 2:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved  
 4:30 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved: Gratitude Celebration

**Nov. 20 Wednesday**

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
 4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group  
 5:00 PM Youth Music Group  
 6:00 PM OWL  
 6:00 PM Tone Chimes

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### **#349 *We Gather Together***

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

### **#331 *Life Is the Greatest Gift of All***

Life is the greatest gift of all the riches on this earth;  
life and its creatures, great and small, of high and lowly birth:  
so treasure it and measure it with deeds of shining worth.

Mind is the brightest gift of all, its thought no barrier mars;  
it seeks creation's hidden plan, its quest surmounts all bars;  
it reins the wind, it chains the storm, it weighs the outmost stars.

We are of life, its shining gift, the measure of all things;  
up from the dust our temples lift, our vision soars on wings;  
for seed and root, for flower and fruit, our grateful spirit sings.

### **#128 *For All That Is Our Life***

For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise;  
for all life is a gift which we are called to use  
to build the common good and make our own days glad.

For needs which others serve, for services we give,  
for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love;  
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss,  
for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass:  
we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

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