

# The Blessing of the Chalices



1 December 2024  
Rev. Kristina Church  
Rev. Christie Anderson  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



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Order of Service: 11:00 AM

December 1, 2024

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## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Kristina Church, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Come Down, O Love Divine*  
words by Bianco da Sienna  
music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship

*Come, Gather Light to Build*  
words by Kia Bordner  
Rev. Christie Anderson, Affiliated Minister

Chalice Lighting/Opening Hymn

*#362 Rise Up O Flame*

Time for All Ages

*Chalice Song*  
by Hal Walker  
Emily Hall and Rev. Kristina Church

## **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

*#307 The Human Touch Can Light the Flame*

Reading

by Rev. Susan Ritchie

Sermon, Part I: Our Chalice

Rev. Kristina Church

Blessing of the Chalices

Sermon, Part II: Your Chalice

Procession of the Chalices

## Returning

Offering

Extinguishing the Chalice

by Elizabeth Selle Jones  
Rev. Christie Anderson

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

*#1028 The Fire of Commitment*

Benediction

by James Morison  
Rev. Kristina Church



*Next Sunday: December 8, 2024*

*To Bring Us Light in Winter's Gloom*

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

*Led by Rev. Kristina Church, Director of Religious Ed Colleen Thoele, and  
Music Director Emily Hall*

*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: Dec. 1 - 8, 2024**<https://kentuu.org/calendar>[kentuu.org/news/announcements-events](https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events)**Dec. 1 Sunday**

9:15 AM Worship  
 10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 3:30 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved - UUYJ  
 5:00 PM Community Meal

**Dec. 2 Monday**

7:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

**Dec. 3 Tuesday**

7:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
 2:00 PM Rental: Hobbs Hall  
 6:00 PM Safety Team  
 6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall  
 6:00 PM Peace Chorus  
 6:30 PM Committee on Shared Ministry  
 7:30 PM Community Sing

**Dec. 4 Wednesday**

7:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
 4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group  
 4:30 PM Annex Reserved  
 6:00 PM OWL  
 6:00 PM Tone Chimes  
 6:30 PM Pastoral Care

**Dec. 5 Thursday**

7:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
 6:50 PM Board Meeting

**Dec. 6 Friday**

5:15 PM Hobbs Hall Market set up  
 6:00 PM Church Building Reserved

**Dec. 7 Saturday**

6:00 AM Rental Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
 8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall  
 2:00 PM Hobbs Hall reset  
 5:00 PM Dances of Universal Peace

**Dec. 8 Sunday**

9:15 AM Worship  
 10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 12:00 PM Congregational Town Hall

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**Church Office:** The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex  
 (yellow house) next to the church building

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### **#362 Rise Up O Flame**

Rise up, O flame,  
by thy light glowing,  
show to us beauty,  
vision, and joy.

### **#1028 The Fire of Commitment**

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear  
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

Chorus:

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,  
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

Chorus:

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,  
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

Chorus:

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.