



*Where is God?*



15 December 2024  
Kathy Kerns, CLM  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service: 11:00 AM

December 15, 2024

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Music for Gathering Katie Grigg-Miller, piano  
Chime  
Welcome Heidi Sumser, Worship Associate  
Prelude *God is Seen*, shape note hymn  
arr. Alice Parker  
Call to Worship Kathy Kerns, Commissioned Lay Minister  
Chalice Lighting (sung)

*Praise God, the love we all may share.  
Praise God, the beauty everywhere.  
Praise God, the hope of good to be.  
Praise God, the truth that makes us free. A-men.*

Opening Hymn #29 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
Time for All Ages *Hide and Seek with God*, adapted  
from Mary Ann Moore  
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

## Part 1: Where is God?

Reading excerpt from *God*, by Rev. Jeanne Nieywejaar  
Kathy Kerns  
Reading *This is How the Spirit Dresses Up*, by Debra Faulk  
Heidi Sumser

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence, sharing our sorrows and losses,  
Sung prayer, #123 *Spirit of Life*  
Sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation *Did Trouble Me*, by Susan Werner  
Emily Hall, guitar and voice

## Part 2: Listening for God

Reading excerpt from *Silence*, by Robert Lawrence Smith  
Kathy Kerns

Reading *Use Me*, by Rev. Roger Butts  
Reading *The Redwood*, by Jeanne Foster  
Heidi Sumser  
Hymn #352 *Find a Stillness*

**Part 3: God the Healer**

Reading *Show Me, God*, by Rev. Monica Dobbins  
Heidi Sumser  
Reading *By Loving*, by Rev. Wade McCree  
Hymn #1043 *Szekely Aldas*  
Homily *Where is God?*  
Kathy Kerns  
Offering Katinnu Katayi

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 #2 *Down the Ages We Have Trod*  
Benediction *A Celtic Lorica*, by Rev. Maureen Killoran



**Next Sunday: December 22, 2024**

*The Stuff of Stars*

*Led by DRE Colleen Thoele and Sandy Eaglen*

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

*10:00 AM Social Hour in Hobbs Hall*

*11:00 AM, a traditional worship service*

**Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024**

*6:30 PM, an all-ages worship service*

*8:30 PM, candlelight service*

**December 29, 2024**

*One service at 11 AM, in person and Zoom*

*Led by CLM Lori Mirkin-McGee and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen*

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**Activities & Events: Dec. 15 - 22, 2024**<https://kentuu.org/calendar>[kentuu.org/news/announcements-events](https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events)

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**Dec. 15 Sunday**

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

**Dec. 16 Monday**

7:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

**Dec. 17 Tuesday**

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

**Dec. 18 Wednesday**

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

**Dec. 19 Thursday**

7:00 PM Thursday Covenant Group

**Dec. 20 Friday**

5:15 PM Hobbs Hall Market set up  
6:00 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved – RE

**Dec. 21 Saturday**

6:00 AM Rental Hobbs Hall Kitchen  
8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall  
10:00 AM Pageant Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
2:00 PM Hobbs Hall reset

**Dec. 22 Sunday**

9:15 AM Worship  
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
11:00 AM Worship  
12:00 PM Congregational Town Hall  
2:00 PM Christmas Concert: Tarnished Brass  
3:00 PM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

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## **#29 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, God of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, hail thee as the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the pain of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the joy of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and planets sing around thee, center of unbroken praise;  
field and forest, vale and mountain, blossoming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest;  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest.  
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

## **#123 Spirit of Life**

Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

## **#352 Find a Stillness**

Find a stillness, hold a stillness, let the stillness carry me.  
Find the silence, hold the silence, let the silence carry me.  
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,  
I will find true harmony.

Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the essence carry me.  
Let me flower, help me flower, watch me flower, carry me.  
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,  
I will find true harmony.

## **#1043 Szekely Aldas**

Hol hit ott szeretet;  
hol szeretet ott béke.  
Hol béke ott áldás;  
hol áldás ott Isten.  
Hol Isten ott szükség nin csen.

Where there is faith there is love;  
where there is love there is peace.  
Where there is peace there is blessing;  
where there is blessing there is God.  
Where there is God, there is no need.

## ***#2 Down the Ages We Have Trod***

Down the ages we have trod  
many paths in search of God,  
seeking ever to define  
the Eternal and Divine.

Some have seen eternal good  
pictured best in Parenthood,  
and a Being throned above  
ruling over us in love.

There are others who proclaim  
God and Nature are the same,  
and the present Godhead own  
where Creation's laws are known.

There are eyes which best can see  
God within humanity,  
and God's countenance there trace  
written in the human face.

Where compassion is most found  
is for some the hallowed ground,  
and these paths they upward plod  
teaching us that love is God.

Though the truth we can't perceive  
this at least we must believe,  
what we take most earnestly  
is our living Deity.

Our true God we there shall find  
in what claims our heart and mind,  
and our hidden thoughts enshrine  
that which for us is Divine.