

*To Bring Us
Light in
Winter's
Gloom*



8 December 2024
Rev. Kristina Church
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



To Bring Us Light in Winter's Gloom

Order of Service: 11:00 AM

December 8, 2024

Gathering

Music for Gathering	John Wickersham, piano
Welcome	Elaine Bowen, Worship Associate
Chime	
Prelude/ Chalice Lighting	<i>Solstice Song</i> arr. Peter Amidon Kent UU Peace Chorus with Vanessa Vesely, piano
Call to Worship	words by Margaret Weis Rev. Kristina Church, Minister
Opening Hymn	<i>#352 Find A Stillness</i>
Time for All Ages	<i>Breathe and Be</i> by Kate Coombs 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	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i> 15th cent. French hymn, arr. Open Hymnal Project Kent UU Peace Chorus
Readings	from <i>Wintering</i> , by Katherine May
Reflection Hymn	<i>#55 Dark of Winter</i>
Sermon	<i>To Bring Us Light in Winter's Gloom</i> Rev. Kristina Church

Returning

Offering

In the Bleak Midwinter
music by Gustav Holst, arr. Sandra Eithun
Kent UU Tone Chimes

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 (insert)

O Tannenbaum
folk song with lyrics by Ernst Anschütz

Benediction

Rev. Kristina Church



Next Sunday: December 15, 2024

9:15 AM, Hide and Seek with God

An all-ages worship service led by Rev. Renee Ruchotzke, 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, Where is God?

*A traditional worship service led by CLM Kathy Kerns
and Worship Associate Heidi Sumser*

Activities & Events: Dec. 8 – 15, 2024

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

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Dec. 8 Sunday

9:15 AM Worship
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour
11:00 AM Worship

Dec. 9 Monday

7:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

Dec. 10 Tuesday

7:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen
1:00 PM Staff Meeting
2:00 PM Rental: Hobbs Hall
3:45 PM Hobbs Hall Library Reserved
6:00 PM Rental: Fessenden Hall
6:00 PM Peace Chorus

Dec. 11 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group
6:00 PM OWL
6:00 PM Tone Chimes
6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team

Dec. 12 Thursday

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

Dec. 13 Friday

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

Dec. 14 Saturday

6:00 AM Rental Hobbs Hall Kitchen
8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall
8:00 AM Rental: Fessenden Hall
2:00 PM Hobbs Hall reset

Dec. 15 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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Visit our website.



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#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.

#55 Dark of Winter

Dark of winter, soft and still, your quiet calm surrounds me.
Let my thoughts go where they will; ease my mind profoundly.
And then my soul will sing a song, a blessed song of love eternal.
Gentle darkness, soft and still, bring your quiet to me.

Darkness, soothe my weary eyes, that I may see more clearly.
When my heart with sorrow cries, comfort and caress me.
And then my soul may hear a voice, a still, small voice of love eternal.
Darkness, when my fears arise, let your peace flow through me.

O Tannenbaum

Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
Wie treu sind deine Blätter!
Du grünst nicht nur zur Sommerzeit,
Nein, auch im Winter, wenn es schneit.
O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
Wie treu sind deine Blätter!

O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
How faithfully you blossom!
Through summer's heat and winter's chill
Your leaves are green and blooming still.
O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
How faithfully you blossom!

O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
With what delight I see you!
When winter days are dark and drear
You bring us hope for all the year.
O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
With what delight I see you!

O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
You bear a joyful message:
That faith and hope shall ever bloom
To bring us light in winter's gloom.
O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum,
You bear a joyful message