



Honoring Our Past, Celebrating Our Story

12 January 2025

Rev. Kristina Church

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



Honoring Our Past, Celebrating Our Story

Order of Service: 11:00 AM

January 12, 2025

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Welcome and Chime

Prelude

We the Heirs of Many Ages
words by John Andrew Storey, music by I-to Loh

Call to Worship

Let Us Drink from the Stories that Sustain Us All
words by Rev. Scott Tayler
Rev. Kristina Church, Minister

Chalice Lighting

by James Vila Blake

Love is the Spirit of this Church and Service is its law
This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in Love and to help one another

Opening Hymn

Please Bless This Space, by Celia Farran

Please bless this space, this sanctuary.
All around, below, above.
Please bring us peace, and protection.
May all who enter be nourished with love.
Alleluia, Amen. Aho, Blessed be, allow it in.
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Time for All Ages

John Murray and the Winds of Change
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*

Musical Prayer

Sending You Light, by Melanie DeMore

I am sending you Light, To heal you, To hold you
I am sending you Light, To hold you in Love (x2)

Readings	<i>The Power of Shared Story</i> by Gretchen Haley
Reflections on 159 Years of History	Rev. Kristina and friends
Timeline Activity	music: <i>Ours is A Simple Faith</i> , instrumental
Reflection Hymn	#358 <i>Rank By Rank Again We Stand</i>
Our Story, Going Forward	Rev. Kristina and friends

Returning

Offering	<i>Unwritten</i> by Natasha Bedingfield, Danielle Brisebois, and Wayne Rodrigues performed by the BC-GBs: Kailani Walker, electric guitar; Lo Thoele, vocals and Rafael Gregorius, piano
Extinguishing the Chalice	words by Elizabeth Selle Jones 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	#1017 <i>Building A New Way</i>
Benediction	<i>The Stories We Create</i> by Rev. Rod Richards Rev. Kristina



Next Sunday, January 19, 2025
The Arc of Justice

9:15 AM, an all-ages Worship
Led by DRE Colleen Thoele with 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 Jennifer May and Lois Weir with
Worship Associate Rev. Christie Anderson and Music Director Emily Hall

Activities & Events: Jan. 12 - 19, 2024<https://kentuu.org/calendar>kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

Jan. 12 Sunday

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

Jan. 13 Monday

7:30 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

Jan. 14 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

Jan. 15 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group
6:00 PM OWL
6:30 PM Worship Arts Team

Jan. 16 Thursday

6:50 PM Board of Trustees
7:00 PM Thursday Covenant Group

Jan. 17 Friday

4:00 PM Finance Committee
5:15 PM Hobbs Hall Market set up

Jan. 18 Saturday

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

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#358 Rank By Rank Again We Stand

Rank by rank again we stand,
from the four winds gathered hither.
Loud the hallowed walls demand
whence we come and how, and whither.
From their stillness breaking clear,
echoes wake to warn or cheer;
higher truth from saint and seer
call to us assembled here.

Ours the years' memorial store,
honored days and names we reckon,
days of comrades gone before,
lives that speak and deeds that beckon.
From the dreaming of the night
to the labors of the day,
shines their everlasting light,
guiding us upon our way.

Though the path be hard and long,
still we strive in expectation;
join we now their ageless song
one with them in aspiration.
One in name, in honor one,
guard we well the crown they won;
what they dreamed be ours to do,
hope their hopes, and seal them true.

#1017 Building A New Way

We are building a new way.
We are building a new way.
We are building a new way,
feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.

We are working to be free.
We are working to be free.
We are working to be free,
hate and greed and jealousy.
We are working to be free.

We can feed our every need.
We can feed our ev'ry need.
We can feed our ev'ry need,
Start with love, that is the seed.
We can feed our every need.

Peace and freedom is our cry.
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Without these this world will die.
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