



Flower Ceremony:

A Unitarian Universalist Tradition

May 10, 2015

Rev. Melissa Carvall Ziemer

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



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Order of Service: _____ May 10, 2015

*** Please rise in body or in spirit**

Please see one of our greeters if you would like to use a set of headphones, a large-print order of service or hymnal

Music for Gathering Hal Walker, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer

Today we celebrate our annual Flower Ceremony. If you didn't bring one with you, the greeters have extra flowers available. They also have an index card for each person. Please hold on to your cards and flowers until we gather them during the opening hymn.

Chime

Chalice Lighting Petr Samojsky
of the Religious Society of Czech Unitarians

Opening Music *I Will Give You the Key*
by Dan Kallman
Golden Tones Junior Choir

Call to Worship Lori McGee, Worship Associate

*Opening Hymn #63 *Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers*
sung to the tune of "Good King Wenceslas"

*Unitarian Universalist Covenant by James Vila Blake

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.
This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

*Doxology *Old Hundredth*

*From all that dwell below the skies, let songs of hope and faith arise;
let peace, good will on earth be sung, through every land by every tongue.*

Time for All Ages *A Plain and Simple Beauty*, adapted
from a story by Janeen K. Grohsmeyer
Karen Lapidus, Director of Religious Education

Singing the Children Out

*You've got the light of Love inside you; Go on your way in peace
So, shine that light, this whole world now awaits you
Go on your way in peace (2x)
You know, we hold you, we hold you, yes, we hold you.*

Congregational Celebration of Mothering

Silence

Embracing Meditation

Blessing

Musical Meditation

Grazioso
by Arnold B. Sherman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Tone Chimers

Reading

Evidence
by Mary Oliver

*Hymn of Affirmation

#305 *De Colores*

Sermon

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Offering

Offertory

Life Wonderful
by H. Walker

*Closing Words

#724 *Consecration of the Flowers*

*Closing Hymn

#1008 *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

*Benediction



*The Sunday Flowers have been donated by
Marion Yeagler in honor of her mother.*

*Next Week: On the Banks of the Cuyahoga
Led by Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer and Worship Associate Sophie Smith*

VISITORS - Welcome! We are glad you are here. Thank you for participating in worship with us today. We hope that you will find a spiritual home here and that you will be enriched in the liberal religious practice and heritage of Unitarian Universalism. The members of this church take pride in the fact that we embrace people of all races, ethnicities, ages, creeds, sexual orientations, and abilities. In addition, we are a "Welcoming Congregation," which means that we have taken part in a special program, designed by the UUA, for congregations that see a need to become more inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian, and/or transgender people. This congregation is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The principles and purposes of the UUA, which we "covenant to affirm and promote," can be found in the front of the hymnal, on the UUA website (www.uua.org), and on bookmarks available in the front entryway.

We are concerned about everyone's safety.

If we need to evacuate the building for a fire drill or for any other reason, please follow the directions of the worship leader. Parents and guardians should look for their children on the grassy area behind the annex and should not go to the classrooms. People with mobility concerns or other special needs should proceed to the Founders' Lounge where evacuation assistance will be available.

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