

# Escalating Inequality

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Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



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Order of Service:

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***\* 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, Announcements and Greetings Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer

Chime

Chalice Lighting Carolyn Andrews Schlemmer, Worship Associate

Opening Music *Like a Mighty Stream*  
by Moses Hogan  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Peace Choir

Call to Worship by Beverly and David Bumbaugh

\*Opening Hymn #134 *Our World is One World*

\*Unitarian Universalist Covenant 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 *Fair vs. Equal*  
by Erika A. Hewitt  
Karen LoBracco, Interim 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.*

Wisdom Words

adapted from Samir Selmanovic

Silence, Embracing Meditation, and Prayer

Musical Meditation

*Hope, Struggle and Change*  
by Roy Zimmerman

Video Clips and Responses

from *People Like Us*  
a PBS documentary special

\*Hymn of Affirmation

# 125 *From the Crush of Wealth and Power*

Sermon

*Escalating Inequality*  
Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer

Offering

Offertory

*Quando el Pobre*  
words by José Antonio Olivar, music by Miguel Manzano,  
arrangement by Alvin L. Schutmaat, translation by Martin A. Seltz

\*Closing Words

adapted from William Sinkford

We are a gentle and generous people.  
But let us not forget our anger.

*May it fuel not only our commitment to compassion  
but also our commitment to make fundamental changes.*

Our vision of the Beloved Community  
must stand against a vision  
that would allow the privilege of the few  
to be accepted as just and even holy.

*Our religious vision must again and again ask the Gospel question  
"Who is my neighbor"  
and strive always to include more and more of us  
as we intone the words that gave birth to this nation,  
"We the people..."  
We are, and we should be, both a gentle, and an angry people."*

\*Closing Hymn

# 170 *We Are a Gentle, Angry People*

\*Benediction

*Next week: Walking the Walk  
Led by Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen*

**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](http://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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