

# How to Receive a Blessing



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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 and Chalice Lighting	from Dag Hammarskjöld
Opening Music	<i>Build Me a World</i> by Ginger Littleton The Golden Tones
Call to Worship	<i>A Blessing for the Senses</i> by John O'Donohue Becky Cline, Worship Associate
*Opening Hymn	#18 <i>What Wondrous Love</i>
*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	<i>Old Hundredth</i> <i>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.</i>
Time for All Ages	<i>With a Grateful Heart</i> Colleen Thoele, Religious Education Assistant
Singing the Children Out	<i>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.</i>
On Mother's Day	<i>Circle of Care</i> by Lisa Bovee-Kemper

Silence, Embracing Meditation, and Prayer

Musical Meditation

*Pour You Out a Blessing*  
by Katie Grigg-Miller

Sermon

*How to Receive a Blessing*  
Rev. Melissa Carvill Ziemer

\*Hymn of Affirmation

#1009 *Meditation on Breathing*

Readings and Reflections

an excerpt from *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*  
by Annie Dillard

*The Fish Story*  
by Becky Cline

*The Courage to Be Vulnerable*  
by Becky Cline

an excerpt from *Sweetness*  
by Stephen Dunn

an excerpt from *High Tide in Tucson*  
by Barbara Kingsolver

Offering

Offertory

*Unknown Blessings*  
by Ben Bochner

\*Closing Words

from *99 Blessings, An Invitation to Life*  
by David Steindl-Rast

Source of All Blessings,  
you bless us with breath.  
*In and out, in and out,*  
Ever renewing us, ever anew making us  
one with all who breathe the same  
air, may this blessing overflow  
into a shared gratefulness, so that  
*with one breath I may praise and  
celebrate life.*

\*Closing Hymn

#1059 *May Your Life Be as a Song*

\*Benediction

from Gordon McKeeman

*Next Week: You Owe Me*

*Led by Intern Minister Dave Clements 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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