22 March 2020 Re. Steven Protzman Colleen Thoele. DRE Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent







## Rising Green

Order of Service

March 22, 2020

# \* Please rise as the spirit moves you



Spring returns, the sun warms the soil. Seeds awaken, pushing roots into dark earth. Plant a seed this springtime. Water and tend it as you tend those qualities and take those actions which can bring that world to birth.

-Starhawk

Music for Gathering

Whoever You Are H. Walker Hal Walker, Music Director

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman

Chime

Prelude

Flower Carol from Pia Cantiones (13th cent.)

Call to Worship

Elaine Bowen, Worship Associate

\*Opening Hymn

#61 Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

\*Chalice Lighting and 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.

\*Covenant Response Hymn

#377 In Greening Lands sung to Old Hundredth)

In greening lands begins the song which deep in human hearts is strong. In cheerful strains your voices raise, to fill the whole spring world with praise.

Time For All Ages

Bloom Where You're Planted Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Musical Response

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

A Guided Meditation Awakening Spring Within

Music Meditation Now the Green Blade Riseth trad. French

### Lessons of the Spring

First Lesson Resilience, by Debra Rienstra

Second Lesson Spring Waltz (video), music by F. Chopin

Hymn #1068 Rising Green

Third Lesson Rising Green

Rev. Steven Protzman

Offering With a Song of Joy

by Bret Hesla

### Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. May we carry these in our hearts and minds until we are together again.

\*Closing Hymn #163 For the Earth Forever Turning

\*Benediction



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. This congregation is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association. 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. 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 for everyone's safety. If we need to evacuate the building for a fire, a drill or for any other reason, please follow the directions of the worship leader. Parents and quardians 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 entryway where evacuation assistance will be available.

**SUNDAY SERVICES** are offered at 9:45 and 11:30 AM with nursery care available.

Church Office: The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex (yellow house) next to the church building. Office hours are: Monday -Friday 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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