

10 May 2020
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Unitarian Universalist
Church of Kent



A Bouquet for the Eyes and Heart



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Order of Service

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This is what community looks like—this vibrant jostle, stem by stem declaring the marvelous joining. Hold these things together in your sight—purple, crimson, magenta, blue. You will be feasting on this long after the flowers are gone.

—Rev. Lynn Ungar

Music for Gathering	Hal Walker, Music Director
Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Steven Protzman
Chime	
Prelude	<i>Flower Crazy Garden</i> by Hal Walker
Call to Worship	Evian Rome, Worship Associate
Opening Hymn	<i>For the Earth Forever Turning</i>
Chalice Lighting	adapted from Michael Bobett

Blessed be the flower that triumphs at last
In wonder over the snows, over the centuries,
restoring to the world beauty, vision and joy.

Blessed be this flame as it triumphs at last
In wonder over hopelessness, over darkness,
Restoring to the world beauty, vision and joy.

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn (*sung to the Doxology*)

*In colors bright and essence sweet,
Like flowers we bloom when we do meet.
O, Source of Life, our song we raise,
This beauty fills our hearts with praise.*

Story Part I *A Simple Church*
The story of Rev. Norbert Capek and the Prague Unitarian Church
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Silence

Music Meditation

The Limpid Stream
by Burgmuller
Benny Hovancsek

Story Part II

A Bouquet for the Eyes and Heart
The story of flower communion

Flower Communion Hymn

Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers

Flower Blessing

The original blessing by Rev. Norbert Capek

Flower Sharing

Flower communion video created by Kara Kramer

Offering

Hal Walker

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

For the Beauty of the Earth, adapted

Benediction

Sending Song

*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.*

Virtual Coffee Hour



*Next Sunday: We Belong – Religious Education Sunday
Led by DRE Colleen Thoele and Amanda Rome*

*The annual Information Meeting will be held
Sunday, May 17 at 11 AM via Zoom.*

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 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 entryway where evacuation assistance will be available.

OUR SUNDAY SERVICE is offered at 10 AM via Zoom. Visit kentuu.org for information to join the service.

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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