



# Coming Back to Kent

3 May 2020  
Rev. Barbara Child  
Rev. Steven Protzman

Unitarian Universalist  
Church of Kent



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Order of Service

May 3, 2020

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“There comes a time in the life of every community when it must look humbly and seriously into its past in order to provide the best possible foundation for moving into a future based on healing and hope.”

--Mandate, Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission

- Music for Gathering Hal Walker, Music Director
- Welcome and Announcements Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent
- Chime
- Prelude *The Tide is Rising*  
by Rabbi Shoshana Friedman
- Call to Worship
- Opening Hymn *Gather the Spirit*
- 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 *Meditation on Breathing*
- Sharing our Joys and Concerns
- Music Meditation *Where Have All the Flowers Gone?*  
by Pete Seeger  
Sang by Peter, Paul, and Mary at the 1995 May 4 Commemoration
- Time for All Ages Colleen Thoele  
Director of Religious Education
- Reflection Hymn *Return Again*
- Reading *Path*, by Jack Hirschman  
Rev. Barbara Child, Guest Minister
- Sermon *Coming Back to Kent*  
Rev. Barbara Child

## Ritual of Remembrance

With a ritual of candle lighting, silence, and a prayer,  
we will remember the four people  
who were killed that day, the people who were wounded,  
people traumatized by this event, and all the victims of violence.

## Offering

*Until the World is Singing*, by Susie Ro Prater  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent Virtual Choir

## 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

*There Is More Love Somewhere*

## Benediction

Rev. Barbara Child

## Song of Sending and Blessing

*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

*Rev. Barbara Child began her professional life teaching in the KSU English Department 1963-78. She then turned to practicing poverty law at the Portage County Legal Aid Society; in 1981 she returned to academia, serving as Director of Writing and Research at Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco and then as Director of Legal Drafting at University of Florida College of Law. She became a minister in 1996 and retired from full-time Unitarian Universalist ministry in 2010. Her memoir, *Memories of a Vietnam Veteran: What I Have Remembered and What He Could Not Forget*, begins at Kent State University, where she met Alan Morris when he was co-leader of the Kent Vietnam Veterans against the War and she was chair of the Portage County ACLU.*



*Next Sunday: A Bouquet for the Eyes and Heart  
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman, Hal Walker, Colleen Thoele,  
and Youth Worship Associate Evian Rome*

**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](http://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](http://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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