

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent  
Rev. Steven Protzman  
31 May 2020

# A Future That Is Ours to Create



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Order of Service

May 31, 2020

The future is not some place we are going, but one we are creating.  
The paths are not to be found, but made, and the activity of making  
them changes both the maker and the destination.

- John Schaar

Music for Gathering

Hal Walker  
Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Protzman  
Minister, UU Church of Kent

Chime

Prelude

*Just Who We Are*  
by H. Walker  
Golden Tones Youth Choir

Call to Worship

Camille Pavlicek-Fausser  
Worship Associate

Opening Hymn

*The Fire of Commitment*

Chalice Lighting and Congregational Covenant

We affirm that each life has brilliance and, when joined with others  
in joyful community, has the power to transform.

We pledge ourselves and our resources to this journey.

This covenant inspires and challenges us  
to dwell together in right relationship.

We promise to extend hospitality, nurture community for all ages,  
encourage spiritual growth, honor diversity, and practice kindness.

Covenant Response Hymn

*Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

Sharing our Joys and Concerns


Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Erin Dajka Holley  
Minister, UU Church of Utica, NY

Music Meditation	Hal Walker
Time For All Ages	<i>The Little Purple Hen</i> by Rev. Joanna Fontaine Crawford Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education
Hymn of Community	<i>We Would Be One</i>
Readings	an excerpt from <i>Inclusive Evangelism</i> by Robert W. Karnan  <i>To Build a Swing</i> by Hafiz
Sermon	<i>A Future That is Ours to Create</i> Rev. Steven Protzman
Offering	<i>House of Memory and Hope</i> by H. 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	<i>Life Calls Us On</i>
Benediction	
Song of Blessing and Sending	
Annual Meeting	

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 Join us next Sunday for a joint service with  
 All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, Bellville, Ohio  
 led by Rev Steven Protzman and Rev. William Humphrey

**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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