



# I Sing of America



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Rev. Steven Protzman  
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Church of Kent

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Order of Service

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The genius of the United States is not best or most in its executives  
or legislatures, nor in its ambassadors or authors or colleges or  
churches or parlors, nor even in its newspapers or inventors ...  
but always most in the common people.

-Walt Whitman

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Hal Walker,  
Music Director

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman,  
Minister

Chime

Prelude (video)

*The State of our Union*  
written and performed by Katie Grigg-Miller

Call to Worship

Rev. Christie Anderson,  
Worship Associate

Opening Hymn

*We'll Build a Land*

Chalice Lighting and Covenant

We come together to remind ourselves to treat all people kindly  
Because they are our brothers and sisters;  
To take good care of the earth because it is our home;  
To live lives full of goodness and love  
Because that is how we will make our world  
The best place it can be.

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn

*Gathered Here*

## **Reflecting**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Music Meditation

*That's My Song*, by H. Walker  
The Golden Tones Junior Choir

Time For All Ages (video)      *Twenty Things We Should Say More Often*  
by Kid President  
Colleen Thoele, DRE

Readings      *Why Walt Whitman Called America 'the Greatest Poem'*  
excerpt from the article by Karen Swallow Prior  
  
*Great Need*, by Hafiz

Reflection Hymn      *Building a New Way*

Reflection      *I Sing of America*  
Rev. Steven Protzman

### Returning

Offering      *In My America*  
by Hal Walker

Responsive Reading (insert)      *Turning to One Another*  
by Margaret J. Wheatley

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      *Give Light*

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending (video)      *Go On Your Way in Peace*  
by Hal Walker  
Golden Tones Junior Choir

Virtual Coffee Hour

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*Next Sunday: Peace, My Heart*  
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Heidi Emhoff-Wood

**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.**

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## Responsive Reading

### ***Turning to One Another***

by Margaret J. Wheatley

Please respond with the words in *italics*.

Leader: There is no greater power than a community discovering what it cares about.

Response: *Ask “What is possible?” not “What’s wrong?” Keep asking.*

Leader: Notice what you care about. Assume that many others share your dreams.

Response: *Be brave enough to start a conversation that matters.  
Talk to people you know.  
Talk to people you don’t know.  
Talk to people you never talk to.*

Leader: Be intrigued by the differences you hear.  
Expect to be surprised.  
Treasure curiosity more than certainty.

Response: *Invite in everybody who cares to work on what’s possible. Acknowledge that everyone is an expert about something. Know that creative solutions come from new connections.*

Leader: Remember, you don’t fear people whose story you know. Real listening always brings people closer together.

Response: *Trust that meaningful conversations can change your world.*

All: *Rely on human goodness. Stay together.*