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# *We Are One*

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent  
21 March 2021  
Lori Mirkin-McGee and Elaine Yehle Bowen

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Order of Service

March 21, 2021

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Music for Gathering

Hal Walker,  
Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Lori Mirkin-McGee,  
Commissioned Lay Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Love Grows*  
by Hal Walker

Call to Worship

Elaine Yehle Bowen,  
Worship Associate

Opening Hymn

#134 *Our World is One World*

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.

Chalice Response Hymn

#123 *Spirit of Life*

Testimonial

Kathy Kerns

A Time of Silence and Reflection

Sharing our Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Elaine Bowen

Sharing our Joys

Music Meditation	<i>Tommy Mulhairs</i> , Traditional Irish Brendan Taffe, Guitar and Hal Walker, Piano
Time for All Ages	<i>Can You?</i> by Nicolás Guillén (Cuban poet) Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education
Response Hymn	#305 <i>De Colores</i>
Poems: Part I	insert
Hymn of Affirmation	#318 <i>We Would Be One</i>
Poems: Part II	insert
Homily	<i>We Are One</i> Lori Mirkin-McGee
Testimonial	Diane Kloss
Offering	<i>Our Calling is Clear</i> words by Bret Hesla, music Traditional Welsh
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	#1059 <i>May Your Life Be as a Song</i>
Benediction	
Song of Blessing and Sending (video)	<i>Go On Your Way in Peace</i> by Hal Walker Golden Tones Junior Choir
Virtual Coffee	



Next Sunday, March 28, 2021  
We See You

Led by Rev. Steven Protzman with Jacob Nash and Kevyn Breedon

**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.  
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## Poems: Part I

- Beyond* by Joy Harjo  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- My Country* [excerpt] by Dorothea Mackellar  
Australia
- Earth* by Czeslaw Milosz  
Lithuania
- A Palestinian Might Say* by Naomi Shihab Nye  
United States of America
- Central America in My Heart* by Oscar Gonzales  
Honduras
- Between Going and Staying* by Octavio Paz  
Mexico

## Poems: Part II

- Wildpeace* by Yehuda Amichai  
Israel
- Women Like Me* by Maram al Massri  
Syria
- Children's Hair* by Gabriela Mistral  
Chile
- Watching the Moonrise Alone* by Xiao An  
China
- The African* [excerpt] by John Okai  
Ghana
- Leaving the Earth* by Vinod Kumar Shukla  
India