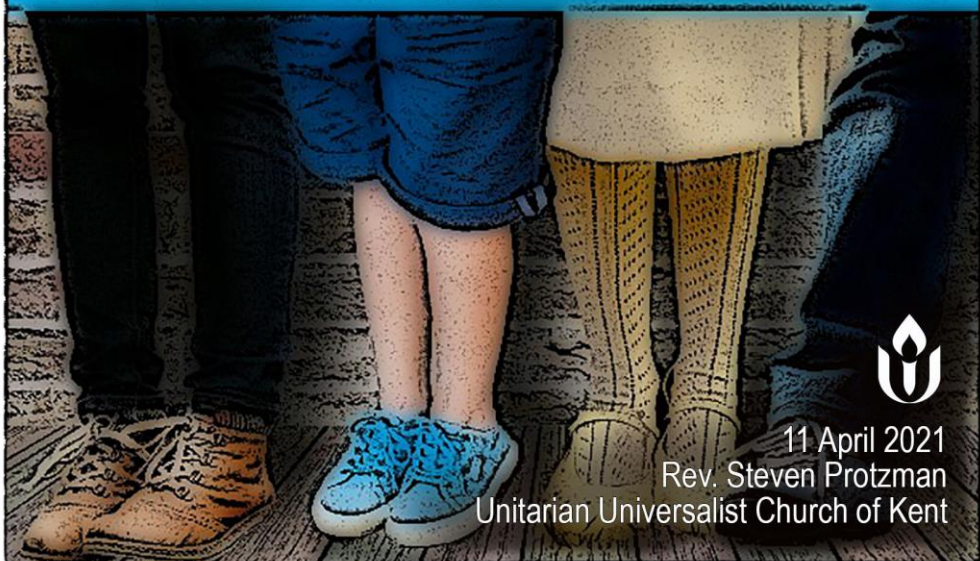


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The Company We Keep



11 April 2021
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

The Company We Keep

Order of Service

April 11, 2021

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love

— from *We Shall Be Known*, by MaMuse

Gathering

Music for Gathering	Hal Walker, Music Director
Welcome	Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister
Chime	
Prelude	<i>We're All One</i> by Bret Hesla
Call to Worship	Elaine Bowen, Worship Associate
Opening Hymn	#1020 <i>Woyaya</i>

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.

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn (insert)	<i>The Promise of Peace</i> by Hal Walker
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Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence
Sharing our sorrows and concerns
Pastoral prayer
Sharing our joys

Music Meditation	Hal Walker
Time For All Ages	<i>The Stuffies Do Church</i> Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education
Readings	an excerpt from <i>The Sacred Fire</i> by Dan McKanan <i>At This Party</i> , by Hafiz
Hymn of Community (insert)	<i>Ours Is a Simple Faith</i>
Sermon	<i>The Company We Keep</i> Rev. Steven Protzman

Returning

Offering	<i>Stronger Together</i> by 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 (insert)	<i>We Shall Be Known</i> by MaMuse
Benediction	
Song of Blessing and Sending (video)	<i>Go On Your Way in Peace</i> by Hal Walker Golden Tones Junior Choir
Virtual Coffee Hour	



Next Sunday, April 18, 2021
Speaking for the Trees
 Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and DRE Colleen Thoele

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.

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#1020 Woyaya

We are going, heaven knows where we are going,
but we know within.
And we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will.

It will be hard, we know,
and the road will be muddy and rough,
but we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will.

Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya,

We are going, heaven knows where we are going,
but we know within.
And we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will.

Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya,
Woyaya, yiyaya, Woyaya, yiyaya, Ya!

The Promise of Peace

by Hal Walker

May our chalice shine all through our lives 2x
May our hearts be open
and may our minds be still.
May our truth be spoken
and my our lives fulfill this promise...
This promise of Peace. 3x

Ours is a Simple Faith

by David Tamulevich

Chorus: Ours is a simple faith
Life is a short embrace
Heaven is in this place every day
Hope is the ground we till.
Make each day what you will.
Thankful for dreams fulfilled. every day.

There is no Hell to fear. No judgment day drawing near.
Trust that inner voice you hear, every day...
Life's not a goal or race. It's about heart and faith,
And living a life of grace, every day.

Chorus

Trust is an open hand, making an honest stand.
Rooted in the land, every day...
Live in the mystery, seeking the harmony,
Here between you and me, every day.

Chorus

We Shall Be Known

by MaMuse

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love
In this Great Turning we shall learn to lead in love
(Repeat)