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Speaking for the Trees



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Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

April 18, 2021

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
Nothing is going to get better. It's not.”

—Dr. Seuss

- Music for Gathering Hal Walker, Music Director
- Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister
- Chime
- Prelude *The Tide is Rising*
by Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman and Yotam Schachter
- Call to Worship/The Lorax: Part I by Dr. Seuss
Colleen Thoele,
Director of Religious Education
- Opening Hymn #163 *For the Earth Forever Turning*
- Chalice Lighting and Covenant
- 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 #377 *In Greening Lands*
- The Lorax: Part II
- Holding One Another in Care and Compassion
- A time of silence*
Sharing our sorrows and concerns
Pastoral prayer
Sharing our joys
- Music Meditation *Underneath the Surface*
by Hal Walker
The UUCK Golden Tones

The Lorax: Part III

Song of Community

What a Wonderful World
by George David Weiss and Bob Thiele
with guest musician Kailani Walker and Hal Walker

The Lorax: Part IV

Offering

We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands

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

#1064 *Blue Boat Home*

Benediction/Epilogue

Colleen Thoele

Song of Blessing and Sending (video)

Go On Your Way in Peace
by Hal Walker
Golden Tones Junior Choir

Virtual Coffee Hour



Next Sunday, April 25, 2021

Church of What We Know

Music Sunday led by Hal Walker and Worship Associate Rev. Christie Anderson with musical guest Peter Mayer

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.

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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For the Earth Forever Turning

-Kim Oler

For the earth forever turning;
for the skies, for ev'ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish,
sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the mountains, hills and pastures
in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens,
sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the sun, for rain and thunder,
for the seasons' harmony,
for our lives, for all creation,
sing we our joyful praise to thee.

For the world we raise our voices,
for the home that gives us birth;
in our joy we sing returning
home to our blue green hills of earth.

In Greening Lands

-Anon.

In greening lands begins the song
which deep in human hearts is strong.
In cheerful strains your voices raise,
to fill the whole spring world with praise.

Blue Boat Home

-Peter Mayer

Though below me, I feel no motion
standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean
still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder
as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder,
casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions,
all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens
in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves upholding me,
hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me,
sing the sky my sailor's song;
I was born upon the fathoms,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
and the earth is my blue boat home.