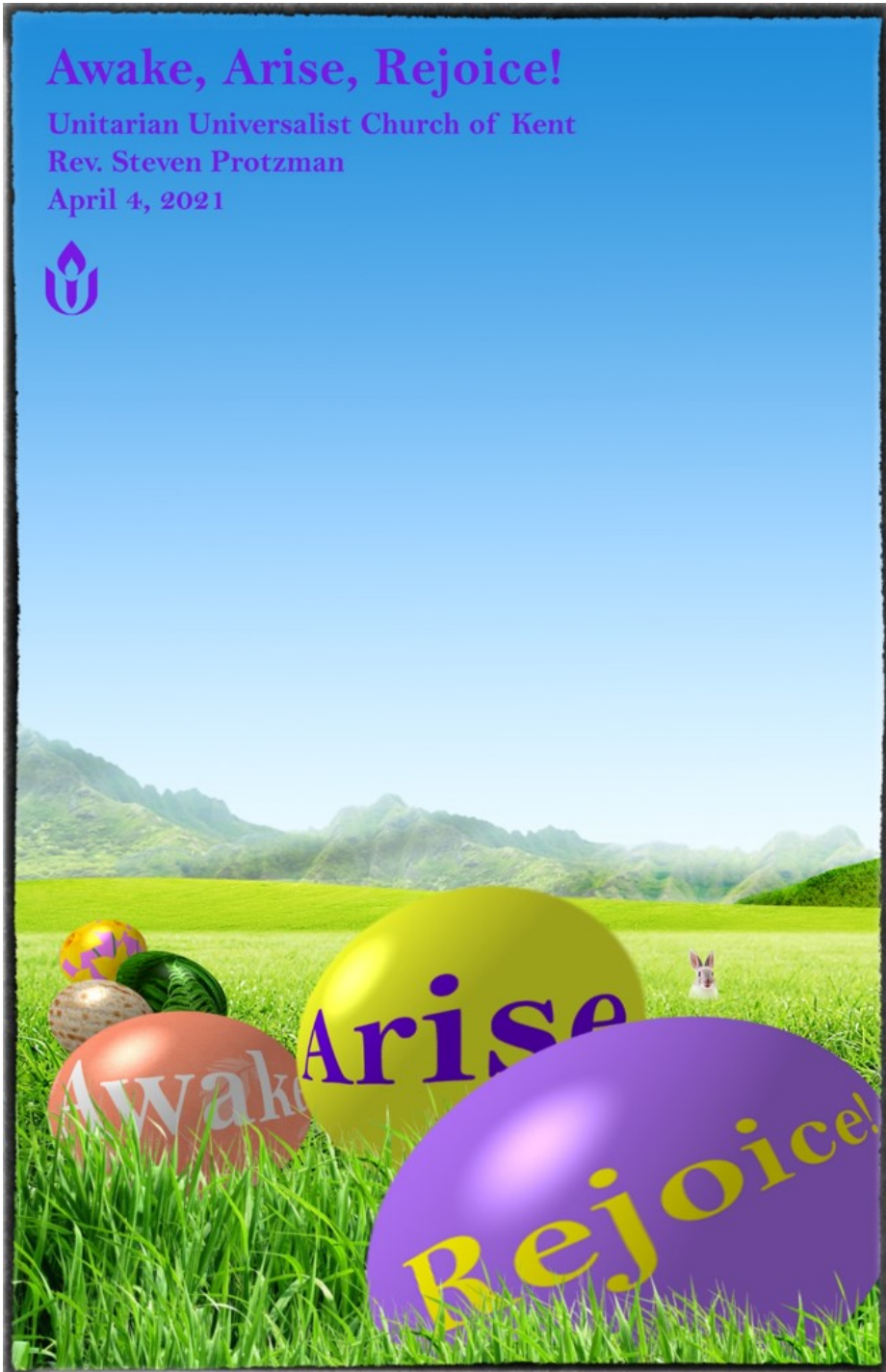


Awake, Arise, Rejoice!

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Rev. Steven Protzman

April 4, 2021



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Order of Service

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Something, something, always sings. This is the message Easter brings. From deep despair and perished things, a green shoot always, always springs. And something always, always sings.

-Alicia S. Carpenter

Gathering

Music for Gathering Hal Walker, Music Director

Welcome Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude *Alleluia,*
Final Movement of Bach's sixth motet *Lobet den Herren*
UU Church of Kent's Peace Choir

Call to Worship Randy Bish, Worship Associate

Opening Hymn #270 *O Day of Light and Gladness*

Chalice Lighting by Judith L. Quarles, adapted

Leader: Chalice flame, fire of Spring, of Passover, of Easter, bring to us beauty:

All: *the beauty of the spring with its flowers: daffodils, tulips, and snowdrops.*

Leader: Bring to us strength:

All: *the strength of a people who broke the bond of slavery and went in search of freedom.*

Leader: Bring to us hope:

All: *the hope in the magic of spring as it triumphs over winter and life renewing itself once again, triumphant over death.*

Leader: Bring to us light:

All: *the divine light glowing in every heart; the light of love guiding us on our way.*

Leader: Bring to us joy:

All: *the joy that this season brings.*

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn

#395 *Sing and Rejoice*

Stories of Passover, Easter and Spring

The Story of Passover Todd and Colemann Packer

Passover Hymn #104 *When Egypt Was in Israel's Land*

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

The Gospel of Mark

Easter Hymn #268 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Time for All Ages *Eostre, Goddess of Spring*
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Hymn of Spring #1068 *Rising Green*

The Easter Bonnet Parade (video)

Returning

Offering *Primavera*, by Jason Shelton

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) *With a Song of Joy*, by Bret Hesla

Benediction

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 11, 2021

The Company We Keep

Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Elaine Bowen

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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With a Song of Joy

by Bret Hesla

With a song of joy the buds shall break
With a song of joy the seeds shall wake
May their song of joy be the song that you sing in your heart.
With a song of joy the sea shall roar
With a song of joy the sky shall pour
May their song of joy be the song that you sing in your heart.

Chorus:

Joy will be the song

Joy will be the song

Joy will be the song in my heart. (2x)

With a song of hope the sun will burn
With a song of hope the geese return
May their song of hope be the song that you sing in your heart.
With a song of hope the grain will swell
With a song of hope the kids will yell
May their song of hope be the song that you sing in your heart.
Hope will be the song

With a song of peace the wind will blow
With a song of peace the stream will flow
May their song of peace be the song that you sing in your heart.
With a song of peace the grass will bend
With a song of peace the wound will mend
May their song of peace be the song that you sing in your heart.
Peace will be the song

With a song of love the dads will play
With a song of love the field will sway
May their song of love be the song that you sing in your heart.
With a song of love the lilies bloom
With a song of love in the mother's womb
May their song of love be the song that you sing in your heart.
Love will be the song