

# The Day the Flowers Rebelled



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Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

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This is what community looks like—this vibrant jostle, stem by stem declaring the marvelous joining. Hold these things together in your sight—purple, crimson, magenta, blue. You will be feasting on this long after the flowers are gone.

—Rev. Lynn Ungar

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering	Hal Walker, Music Director
Welcome	Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister
Chime	
Prelude	<i>Lilac City</i> by Hal Walker with guest singer Abby Kuras
Call to Worship	Rev. Christie Anderson, Worship Associate
Opening Hymn	<i>#38 Morning Has Broken</i>
Chalice Lighting	by Michael Boblett, adapted

Leader: Blessed be the flower that triumphs at last  
In wonder over the snows, over the centuries,  
restoring to the world beauty, vision and joy.

All: Blessed be this flame as it triumphs at last  
In wonder over hopelessness, over darkness,  
Restoring to the world beauty, vision and joy.

Chalice Lighting Response Hymn (sung to the Doxology)

In colors bright and essence sweet,  
Like flowers we bloom when we do meet.  
O, Source of Life, our song we raise,  
This beauty fills our hearts with praise.

## **Reflecting**

Part I: The Flowers Rebel!



**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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## **Morning Has Broken**

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

## **Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers**

Spring has now unwrapped the flowers, day is fast reviving,  
life in all her growing powers toward the light is striving.  
Gone the iron touch of cold, winter time and frost time,  
seedlings working through the mold now make up for lost time.

Herb and plant, that winter long, slumbered at their leisure,  
now bestirring green and strong, find in growth their pleasure.  
All the world with beauty fills, gold the green enhancing;  
flowers make glee among the hills, set the meadows dancing.

**For the Beauty of the Earth**  
(vs. 3 and 4 adapted)

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and plain and sea and riv'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the lotus, noble bloom, for the rose and tulips bright,  
For the sunflowers and the mums, all the flow'rs that bring delight:  
Source of all, to these we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,  
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.