

You Can't Fix a Problem You Don't Know You Have.

The 7 PRINCIPLES of Unitarian Universalism



13 June 2021

Racial Justice Task Force Group

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

June 13, 2021

Music for Gathering	Hal Walker, Music Director
Welcome	Heidi Emhoff Wood, Worship Associate
Chime	
Prelude (video)	<i>Oh, I Woke Up This Morning</i> Saunis Parsons, Kevyn Breedon, Maralee Ash, and Katie Grigg-Miller
Call to Worship	excerpt from <i>Between the World and Me</i> by Ta-Nehisi Coates Marion Yeagler
Opening Hymn	#1018 <i>Come and Go With Me</i>

Chalice Lighting and UUCK Statement of Commitment to Racial Justice

As people of conscience, we uphold our Unitarian Universalist values of justice, equity and compassion that call us to recognize the worth and dignity of all. We seek to become an inclusive congregation where everyone finds a sense of belonging. We pledge to do the uncomfortable work of confronting white supremacy and racial bias in ourselves and our Institution.

In order to be a catalyst for change, we will follow the leadership of Black, Indigenous and People of Color and will build partnerships with BIPOC organizations. We commit ourselves to bold action in ending systemic racism through uniting in witness, speaking courageously, advocating for institutional change and participating in community action.

We believe that only by liberating our collective souls from racism can the beloved community become reality.

Abbreviated tagline:

Our Unitarian-Universalist Church of Kent commitment to racial justice:

- Uniting in witness
- Speaking courageously
- Collaborating for freedom

Response Hymn

#6 *Just As Long As I Have Breath*

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of silence

Sharing our sorrows and concerns Pastoral prayer

Sharing our joys

Music Meditation

Instrumental, Hal Walker

Time For All Ages

Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Hymn of Affirmation

#348 *Guide My Feet*

Reading

an excerpt from the *Me and White Supremacy Curriculum*
Layla Saad

Reflection

Saunis Parsons

Reading

an excerpt from Ravenna native Ms. Marchaé Grair
at the Annual NAACP MLK Prayer Breakfast

Reflection

Mary Ann Stephens

Offering / Offertory

We Shall Overcome
Saunis Parsons, Kevyn Breedon,
Maralee Ash, and Katie Grigg-Miller

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

#121 *We'll Build a Land*

Benediction

from the Reverend Allan Boesak
Marion Yeagler

Song of Blessing and Sending

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

Virtual Coffee Hour



Next Sunday, June 20, 2021

It's Pride Sunday!

Led by Lori Mirkin-McGee 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.

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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#1018 *Come and Go With Me*

Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land,
Come and go with me to that land
where I'm bound. (2x)

There'll be freedom in that land...

There'll be justice in that land...

There'll be singin' in that land...

#6 *Just As Long As I Have Breath*

Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, "Yes," to life;
though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to life.

Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, "Yes," to truth;
in my dream and in my dark, always that elusive spark.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to truth.

Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, "Yes," to love;
disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you.
If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, "Yes," to love.

#348 *Guide My Feet*

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

#121 We'll Build a Land

We'll build a land where we bind up the broken.
We'll build a land where the captives go free,
where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.
Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.

(Chorus) Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever flowing stream.

We'll build a land where we bring the good tidings
to all the afflicted and all those who mourn.
And we'll give them garlands instead of ashes.
Oh, we'll build a land where peace is born.
(Chorus)

We'll be a land building up ancient cities,
raising up devastations from old;
restoring ruins of generations.
Oh, we'll build a land of people so bold.
(Chorus)

Come, build a land where the mantles of praises
resound from spirits once faint and once weak;
where like oaks of righteousness stand her people.
Oh, come build the land, my people we seek.
(Chorus)