

# Growing Together:



*A Family Perspective on the 7th Principle*



28 June 2021  
The Rome Family  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

June 27, 2021

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Music for Gathering	Hal Walker, Music Director
Welcome and Announcements	Andrew Rome
Chime	
Opening Music	<i>My Roots Go Down</i> by Sarah Pirtle Saunis Parsons and friends
Call to Worship	Amanda Rome
Opening Hymn	#207 <i>Earth Was Given as a Garden</i>
Chalice Lighting	Raylynn Rome
Congregational Covenant	by James Vila Blake
Love is the Spirit of this church, and service it's 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	#1069 Ancient Mother, #1072 Evening Breeze adapted Hal Walker
A time of silence Sharing our sorrows and concerns Pastoral prayer	<i>The Solstice Teaches Us</i> by David Breeden
Sharing our joys	
Musical Meditation	<i>The Earth is Our Mother</i> Hal Walker
Reflection	Raylynn Rome
Reflection	Evian Rome
Time for All Ages	Amanda Rome

Reading	<i>Nature and the Human Soul</i> By Bill Plotkin
Hymn of Community	#134 <i>Our World is One World</i>
Reflection	Amanda Rome
<i>Rome Family Slideshow</i>	
Reflection	Andrew Rome
Offering and Offertory	Instrumental Hal Walker
Extinguishing the Chalice	
<p>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.</p>	
Closing Hymn	#203 <i>All Creatures of the Earth and Sky</i> verses 1-3
Benediction	
Song of Blessing and Sending	<i>Go On Your Way in Peace</i> by Hal Walker Golden Tones Junior Choir
Virtual Coffee Hour	



*Next Sunday, July 4, 2021*  
*Theology as Democracy*  
*Presented by Vivien Sandlund, Lis Regula, The Rev. Renee Ruchotzke,*  
*and Worship Associate Heidi Shaffer Bish*

**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.**

**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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## **#207 Earth was Given as a Garden**

Earth was given as a garden, cradle for humanity;  
tree of life and tree of knowledge placed for our discovery.  
Here was home for all your creatures born of land and sky and sea;  
all created in your image, all to live in harmony.

Show to us again the garden where all life flows fresh and free.  
Gently guide your sons and daughters into full maturity.  
Teach us how to trust each other, how to use for good our power,  
how to touch the earth with rev'rence. Then once more will Eden flower.

Bless the earth and all your children, one creation: make us whole,  
interwoven, all connected, planet wide and inmost soul.  
Holy mother, life bestowing, bid our waste and warfare cease.  
Fill us all with grace o'erflowing. Teach us how to live in peace.

## **#1069 Ancient Mother**

Ancient Mother, I hear you calling.  
Ancient Mother, I hear your song.  
Ancient Mother, I feel your laughter.  
Ancient Mother, I taste your tears.

## **#1072 Evening Breeze**

Evening breeze, spirit song,  
sings to me when the day is done.  
Mother earth awakens me  
with the heart beat of the sea

## **#134 Our World is One World**

Our world is one world:  
what touches one affects us all:  
the seas that wash us round about,  
the clouds that cover us, the rains that fall.

Our world is one world:  
the thoughts we think affect us all:  
the way we build our attitudes,  
with love or hate, we make a bridge or wall.

Our world is one world:  
its ways of wealth affect us all:  
the way we spend, the way we share,  
who are the rich or poor, who stand or fall?

Our world is one world:  
just like a ship that bears us all:  
where fear and greed make many holes,  
but where our hearts can hear a different call.

**#203 All Creatures of the Earth and Sky, verses 1-3**

All creatures of the earth and sky,  
come, kindred, lift your voices high,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beam,  
soft shining moon with silver gleam:

Chorus: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,  
white clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Fair rising morn in praise rejoice,  
high stars of evening find a voice:  
(Chorus)

Cool flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for all life to hear,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright,  
and bless us with your warmth and light:  
(Chorus)