



# Where Many Waters Meet



29 August 2021  
Rev. Steven Protzman  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

August 29, 2021

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Here we are.  
Like raindrops forming streams, like streams coming into rivers,  
And like rivers flowing to the sea . . .

—Alison Hyder

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering	Hal Walker, Music Director
Welcome	Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister
Chime	
Prelude	<i>Down in the River to Pray</i> , traditional Saunis Parsons
Call to Worship	Colleen Thoele, UUCK Director of Religious Education
Opening Hymn	<i>#66 When the Summer Sun is Shining</i>
Chalice Lighting	by Katie Gelfand, adapted
We gather together to celebrate our fountains of joy; to hold each other through storms of grief; to guide one another through rapids of transformation; to rest together on ponds of stillness. As we light our chalice, we honor the spirit of water, its many forms, and its life-giving essence.	
Response Hymn	<i>#1007 There's a River Flowin' in My Soul</i>

## **Reflecting**

The Story of Water Communion

Part I: The Water of Separation and Struggle

Reading	<i>Hurricane</i> , by Mary Oliver
Pouring the Water of Storm and Struggle	Katie Grigg Miller, Lola Thoele, Justin Diehl, Josephine Brannan, Eden Craver-Dean, Abby Kuras and Meredith Wakefield

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of sharing silence, sorrows, pastoral prayer, and joys

Music Meditation

Instrumental, by Hal Walker

Part II: The Water of Scarcity

Reflecting on Drought and Scarcity

Pouring the Water of Scarcity

Trudy and Hunter Diehl

Part III: The Water of Healing and Renewal

Reading

*The Fountain*, by Denise Levertov

Video

*The River*, by Coco Alcorn  
UU Church of Kent Peace Choir

Pouring the Water of Healing and Renewal

Andrew and Amanda Rome

Part IV: The Water of Community

Reflection

*Where Many Waters Meet*  
Rev. Steven Protzman

Pouring the Water of Community

Kevyn Breedon

**Returning**

Offering

*Water Cycles*, by Hal Walker

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

#100 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending

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

Virtual Coffee Hour



*Next Sunday, September 5, 2021*

*And By Union*

*Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Andrew Rome*

**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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### **#66 *When the Summer Sun is Shining***

When the summer sun is shining  
over golden land and sea,  
and the flowers in the hedge-row  
welcome butterfly and bee;  
then my open heart is glowing,  
full of warmth for everyone,  
and I feel an inner beauty  
which reflects the summer sun.

When the summer clouds of thunder  
bring the long awaited rain,  
and the thirsty soil is moistened  
and the grass is green again;  
then I long for summer sunshine,  
but I know that clouds and tears  
are a part of life's refreshment,  
like the rainbow's hopes and fears.

In the cool of summer evening,  
when the dancing insects play,  
and in garden, street and meadow  
linger echoes of the day;  
then my heart is full of yearning;  
hopes and mem'ries flood the whole  
of my being, reaching inwards  
to the corners of my soul.

### **#1007 *There's a River Flowin' in My Soul***

There's a river flowin' in my soul.  
There's a river flowin' in my soul.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody  
There's a river flowin' in my soul.

There's a river flowin' in my heart.  
There's a river flowin' in my heart.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody  
There's a river flowin' in my heart.

There's a river flowin' in my mind.  
There's a river flowin' in my mind.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody  
There's a river flowin' in my mind.

**#100 *I've Got Peace Like a River***

I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river  
in my soul. (Repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain  
in my soul. (Repeat)

I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean  
in my soul. (Repeat)

I've got pain like an arrow,  
I've got pain like an arrow,  
I've got pain like an arrow  
in my soul. (Repeat)

I've got tears like the raindrops,  
I've got tears like the raindrops,  
I've got tears like the raindrops  
in my soul. (Repeat)

I've got strength like a mountain,  
I've got strength like a mountain,  
I've got strength like a mountain  
in my soul. (Repeat)