

# This Thing Called Love



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Rev. Steven Protzman  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service

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Death is a mystery we see and meet, but love is a mystery in which we live and breathe and have our being. It is an eternal truth which surrounds us to be touched and treasured and known of humankind.

—William B. Rice

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Love Grows*  
by Hal Walker

Words of Gathering

Elaine Bowen, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

We come together to remind ourselves  
To treat all people kindly  
Because they are our brothers and sisters;  
To take good care of the earth  
Because it is our home;  
To live lives full of goodness and love  
Because that is how we will make our world  
The best place it can be.

Opening Hymn

*#346 Come, Sing a Song With Me*

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

A time of sharing our sorrows and losses, pastoral prayer,  
and sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation

*What Wondrous Love is This*  
by Southern Harmony, arr. by Jeanne Cotter  
performed by Vanessa Vesely

## Reflecting

Reading	<i>Variations on the Word Love</i> by Margaret Atwood
Reflection	Elaine Bowen
Reflection Hymn	#323 <i>Break Not the Circle</i>
Reading	An excerpt from Paul's <i>First Letter to the Corinthians</i>
Reflection	<i>This Thing Called Love</i> Rev. Steven Protzman
Meditation Hymn (insert)	<i>There is a Love</i> words by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker, arr. Elizabeth Norton
Guided Meditation on Love	Colleen Thoele Director of Religious Education

## Returning

Offering	<i>Love is the Message</i> 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	#1014 <i>Answering the Call of Love</i>
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: *Still Seeking a Way*  
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman 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.

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## **Come, Sing a Song with Me**

Come, sing a song with me,  
come, sing a song with me,  
come, sing a song with me,  
that I might know your mind.

Refrain: And I'll bring you hope,  
when hope is hard to find,  
and I'll bring a song of love  
and a rose in the wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me,  
come, dream a dream with me,  
come, dream a dream with me,  
that I might know your mind.

Refrain

Come, walk in rain with me,  
come, walk in rain with me,  
come, walk in rain with me,  
that I might know your mind.

Refrain

Come, share a rose with me,  
come, share a rose with me,  
come, share a rose with me,  
that I might know your mind.

Refrain

## **Break Not the Circle**

Break not the circle of enabling love  
where people grow, forgiven and forgiving;  
break not that circle, keep it wider still,  
till it includes, embraces all the living.

Come, wonder at this love that comes to life,  
where words of freedom are with humor spoken,  
and people keep no score of wrong and guilt,  
but will that human bonds remain unbroken.

Join then the movement of the love that frees,  
till people of whatever race or nation  
will truly be themselves, stand on their feet,  
see eye to eye with laughter and elation.

## **There Is a Love**

There is a love holding me.  
There is a love holding all that I love.  
There is a love holding all.  
I rest in this love.

There is a love holding us.  
There is a love holding all that we love.  
There is a love holding all.  
We rest in this love.

## **Answering the Call of Love**

The promise of the Spirit:  
faith, hope and love abide.  
And so ev'ry soul is blessed and made whole;  
the truth in our hearts is our guide.

Refrain:  
We are answering the call of love:  
hands joined together as hearts beat as one.  
Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim  
we are answering the call of love.

Sometimes we build a barrier  
to keep love tightly bound.  
Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear,  
denying the beauty we've found.

Refrain

A bright new day is dawning  
when love will not divide.  
Reflections of grace in ev'ry embrace,  
fulfilling the vision divine.

Refrain