



# *We Need a Little Springtime*

*20 March 2022 -- Rev. Steven Protzman  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent*

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Order of Service

March 20, 2022

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Spring returns, the sun warms the soil. Seeds awaken, pushing roots into dark earth. Plant a seed this springtime. Water and tend it as you tend those qualities and take those actions which can bring that world to birth.

-Starhawk

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Song of Gathering

*#361 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Here Comes the Sun*  
by George Harrison performed by Vanessa Vesely

Words of Gathering

Colleen Thoele  
Director of Religious Education

Chalice Lighting

by Susan Davison Archer

The earth is warming, the birdsong increases, the sweeter breezes brush our cheeks, and the earth holds hope in its seeds and buds.

Come, let us light our chalice this morning with joyful noise, with warm hearts, and with hopeful spirits, for we are one with the renewal of the earth and held in the love of one another.

Opening Hymn

*#360 Here We Have Gathered*

## **Supporting Our Community**

Testimonial

Carol Weigand

Pledge Campaign Video

*Roots and Wings*  
created by David Smeltzer

Hymn of Community

*#402 From You I Receive*

## Reflecting

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

Sharing our sorrows and losses, pastoral prayer,  
and sharing our joys, wonder and awe

Music Meditation

*Lilac City*  
by Hal Walker, David Hassler  
and elementary students of Lima, Ohio  
performed by Abby Kuras and Hal Walker

Inviting Spring

*The Rainstorm*

Reading

*Jailbreak*  
by Maya Spector

Spring Hymn

#63 *Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers*  
set to *Good King Wenceslaus*

Reflection

*We Need a Little Springtime Now*  
Rev. Steven Protzman

Guided Meditation

*Awakening Spring Within*

## Returning

Offering

*Primavera*, by Jason Shelton  
performed by UU Peace Choir

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

#61 *Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending

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

Virtual Coffee Hour



*Next Sunday: Spirit of Life*  
*Led by Rev. Steven Protzman and Worship Associate Lori Mirkin-McGee*

**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)).

**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 both in-person and via Zoom.**  
**Visit [kentuu.org](http://kentuu.org) for information to join the service.**

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## **Enter, Rejoice and Come In**

Enter, rejoice, and come in.  
Enter, rejoice, and come in.  
Today will be a joyful day,  
enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your ears to the song.  
Open your ears to the song.  
Today will be a joyful day,  
enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your hearts ev'ryone.  
Open your hearts ev'ryone.  
Today will be a joyful day,  
enter, rejoice, and come in.

Don't be afraid of some change.  
Don't be afraid of some change.  
Today will be a joyful day,  
enter, rejoice, and come in.

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Enter, rejoice, and come in.  
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enter, rejoice, and come in.

## **Here We Have Gathered**

Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;  
circle of kinship, come and step inside!  
May all who seek here find a kindly word;  
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.  
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Here we have gathered, called to celebrate  
days of our lifetime, matters small and great:  
we of all ages, women, children, men,  
infants and sages, sharing what we can.  
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Life has its battles, sorrows and regret:  
but in the shadows, let us not forget:  
we who now gather know each other's pain;  
kindness can heal us: as we give we gain.  
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

## **From You I Receive**

From you I receive, to you I give.  
Together we share, and from this we live.

## **Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers** set to *Good King Wenceslaus*

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.

## **Lo, the Earth Awakes Again**

Lo, the earth awakes again- Alleluia!  
from the winter's bond and pain. Alleluia!  
Bring we leaf and flower and spray- Alleluia!  
to adorn this festive day. Alleluia!

Once again the word comes true, Alleluia!  
All the earth shall be made new. Alleluia!  
Now the dark, cold days are o'er, Alleluia!  
Spring and gladness are before. Alleluia!

Change, then, mourning into praise, Alleluia!  
And, for dirges, anthems raise. Alleluia!  
How our spirits soar and sing, Alleluia!  
How our hearts leap with the spring. Alleluia!