



*Beauty's Heart Blooms*

8 May 2022

Rev. Steven Protzman

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent



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Order of Service

May 8, 2022

Our community is filled with beauty! When you open the door to greet me, that's where the beauty begins. When you share with me what's important to you, Beauty is there as I listen. When we join hands to practice compassion, Beauty's heart blooms like a flower. When we teach or learn or work for justice Beauty abounding sparks joy in all.

—Rev. Suzelle Lynch

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Stamen*, by Mike Hovancsek  
performed by Mike Hovancsek on koto and gongs

Words of Gathering

Elaine Bowen, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

adapted from Michael Boblett

Leader: Blessed be the flower that triumphs at last  
In wonder over the snows, over the centuries,  
restoring to the world beauty, vision and joy.

All: Blessed be this flame as it triumphs at last  
wonder over hopelessness, over darkness,  
Restoring to the world beauty, vision and joy.

Opening Hymn

#326 *Let All the Beauty We Have Known*  
sung to *Old Hundredth*

## **Supporting Our Community**

Invitation to the 2022 Auction- Buds in Bluum

Brad Bolton and  
The Auction Team

## **Reflecting**

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

Hymn of Community

#352 *Find a Stillness*

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

Music Meditation

*The Flowers of Purpose*, by Katie Grigg-Miller  
performed by Katie Grigg-Miller, Brad Bolton,  
Stefanie Workman & Mike Hovancsek

Time For All Ages

*Miss Rumphius*, by Barbara Cooney  
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

The Story of the Flower Sharing Ceremony (video)

Flower Sharing Hymn

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

Flower Blessing

by Rev. Norbert Capek

A Ritual of Flower Sharing

Hymn of Beauty

#1053 *How Could Anyone*

### Returning

Offering

*The Wild Mountain Thyme*  
Trad. Scottish; alt. lyrics Katie Grigg-Miller  
performed by Katie Grigg-Miller, Brad Bolton, friends

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 (insert)

*For the Beauty of the Earth*, adapted

Benediction

Song of Blessing and Sending

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



*Next Sunday is RE Sunday.  
Over the Rainbow*

*Led by DRE Colleen Thoele with the Religious Education Committee*

## Activities & Events: May 8 - 15

<https://kentuu.org/calendar/>

### May 8 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service  
12:00 PM Silent Auction Begins

### May 9 Monday

10:00 AM Creative Living Workshop

### May 10 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

### May 11 Wednesday

12:00 PM Retirees Group  
7:00 PM Committee on Shared Ministry

### May 12 Thursday

6:30 PM Ministry Executive Team

### May 13 Friday

5:00 PM Auction Tech Rehearsal

### May 14 Saturday

6:00 PM Service Auction!

### May 15 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:00 AM Auction Item Pick-up

For more information, read the e-n~~ews~~UUs.  
<https://kentuu.org/news/announcements-events/>

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## **Let All the Beauty We Have Known**

Let all the beauty we have known  
illuminate our hearts and minds.  
Rejoice in wonders daily shown,  
in faith and joy, and love that binds.

We celebrate with singing hearts  
the loveliness of sky and earth,  
the inspiration of the arts,  
the miracle of ev'ry birth.

Life's music and its poetry  
surround and bless us through our days.  
For these we sing in harmony,  
together giving thanks and praise.

## **Find a Stillness**

Find a stillness, hold a stillness, let the stillness carry me.  
Find the silence, hold the silence, let the silence carry me.  
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,  
I will find true harmony.

Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the essence carry me.  
Let me flower, help me flower, watch me flower, carry me.  
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,  
I will find true harmony.

## **Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers**

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.

## **How Could Anyone**

How could anyone ever tell you  
you were anything less than beautiful?  
How could anyone ever tell you  
you were less than whole?  
How could anyone fail to notice  
that your loving is a miracle?  
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

### **For the Beauty of the Earth ( vs. 3 and 4 adapted)**

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and plain and sea and riv'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the lotus, noble bloom, for the rose and tulips bright,  
For the sunflowers and the mums, all the flow'rs that bring delight:  
Source of all, to these we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human care, sister, brother, parent, child,  
for the kinship we all share, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.