

Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

Rev. Steven Protzman

19 March 2023



# Daring to Be Vulnerable



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Order of Service

March 19, 2023

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Vulnerability is the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, courage, and creativity. It is the source of hope, empathy, accountability and authenticity.

—Brené Brown

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Ned of the Hills*, Trad. Irish  
*South Wind*, O'Carolan  
*Fanny Power*, O'Carolan  
The Celtic Clan

Words of Gathering

Randy Bish, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting and Congregational Covenant

We affirm that each life has brilliance and,  
when joined with others in joyful community,  
has the power to transform.

We pledge ourselves and our resources to this journey.

This covenant inspires and challenges us  
to dwell together in right relationship.

We promise to extend hospitality,  
nurture community for all ages,  
encourage spiritual growth, honor diversity,  
and practice kindness.

Opening Hymn (insert)

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*  
(set to *Beach Spring*)  
words by Shirley Erena Murray

Time for All Ages

*The Platinum Rule*  
Colleen Thoele, Director of Religious Education

Singing our Children, Caregivers, and Teachers to Their Classes  
*Go On Your Way in Peace* by Hal Walker

*You've got the light of love inside you, go on your way in peace.  
So shine that light, this whole world now awaits you,  
go on your way in peace. (2x)*

*You know we hold you. We hold you. Yes, we hold you.*

### **Reflecting**

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation

*Blind Mary, O'Carolan  
Castle of Dromore, Trad. Irish*

The Celtic Clan

Readings

*Vulnerability*, by Karen Young

*Wild Geese*, by Mary Oliver

Hymn of Affirmation

*#97 Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child*

Sermon

*Daring to be Vulnerable*  
Rev. Steven Protzman

### **Returning**

Offering

Improvisation on acoustic guitar  
Julie Swango

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)

*Spirit, Make Us One*  
by Jason Shelton and Kendyl Gibbons

Benediction



*Next Sunday March 19, 2023  
Daring to be Vulnerable  
Led by Rev. Steven Protzman with Worship Associate Randy Bish*

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## Activities & Events: March 19 - 26, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

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### March 19 Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
11:00 AM Social Hour  
11:30 AM Shared Ministries Council  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### March 20 Monday

6:00 PM OWL

### March 21 Tuesday

10:00 AM Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM Build Your Own Theology

### March 22 Wednesday

7:00 PM Board of Trustees  
7:00 PM Rental - Hobbs Hall

### March 23 Thursday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### March 24 Friday

6:30 PM Social Justice Movie Night

### March 25 Saturday

8:00 AM Hobbs Hall Reserved

### March 26 Sunday

8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
11:00 AM Pancake Breakfast  
11:30 AM Worship Arts Team  
11:30 AM Board Breaking News

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**Church Office:** The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex  
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## ***Come and Find the Quiet Center***

words by Shirley Erena Murray

Come and find the quiet center  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
Love it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare.

## ***Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child***

African American Spiritual

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child,  
sometimes I feel like a motherless child,  
sometimes I feel like a motherless child,  
a long way from home, a long way from home.

Sometimes I feel like I have no friend,  
sometimes I feel like I have no friend,  
sometimes I feel like I have no friend,  
a long way from home, a long way from home.

Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone,  
sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone,  
sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone,  
a long way from home, a long way from home.

## ***Spirit, Make Us One***

by Jason Shelton and Kendyl Gibbons

We proclaim a saving message, as in times of old;  
Hist'ry, give us courage; make us bold.  
There is healing, there is hope for ev'ry hurting soul;  
Spirit, give us comfort; make us whole.  
Make us bold, make us bold  
Hist'ry, give us courage; make us bold.  
Make us whole, make us whole  
Spirit, give us comfort; make us whole.

Earth, receive our heart's thanksgiving, under prairie skies;  
Nature, bless our yearning; make us wise.  
We here for one another, in good times and bad;  
Spirit, give us laughter; make us glad.  
Make us wise, makes us wise  
Nature, bless our yearning; make us wise.  
Make us glad, make us glad  
Spirit, give us laughter, make us glad.

Still let justice be the saving struggle we pursue;  
Conscience, give us honor; make us true.  
We bear witness to the promised future now begun;  
Spirit, bless our journey; make us one.  
Make us true, make us true  
Conscience, give us honor; make us true.  
Make us one, make us one  
Spirit, bless our journey, make us one.