



With a Song of Joy



Easter Sunday
9 April 2023
Rev. Steven Protzman
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

With a Song of Joy

Order of Service

April 9, 2023

Something, something, always sings. This is the message Easter brings. From deep despair and perished things, a green shoot always, always springs. And something always, always sings.

—Alicia S. Carpenter

Gathering

Music for Gathering

Whoever You Are
words by the Jefferson Unitarian Church
music by Katie Grigg-Miller

Welcome

Rev. Steven Protzman, Minister

Chime

Prelude

Rise Up, Easter Morning!
(incorporating *My Lord, What a Morning*)
by Joseph Graham, arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney
The Okay Chorale

Words of Gathering

Heidi Sumser, Worship Associate

Opening Hymn

#38 Morning Has Broken

Chalice Lighting

adapted from Judith L. Quarles

Leader: Chalice flame, fire of Spring, of Passover, of Easter, bring to us beauty:

All: the beauty of the spring with its flowers: daffodils, tulips, and snowdrops.

Leader: Bring to us strength:

All: the strength of a people who broke the bond of slavery and went in search of freedom.

Leader: Bring to us hope:

All: the hope in the magic of spring as it triumphs over winter and life renewing itself once again, triumphant over death.

Leader: Bring to us light:

All: the divine light glowing in every heart; the light of love guiding us on our way.

Leader: Bring to us joy:

All: the joy that this season brings.

Reflecting

The Story of Passover

Reading *Desert Spring*, by Rev. Victoria Safford

Hymn of Hope #104 *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*, vs. 1-3

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation *Love is Come Again (Now the Green Blade Riseth)*
words: J.M.C. Crum, music: trad. French

The Mystery of Easter

Reading *The Gospel of Mark*
excerpts from chapters 15 and 16

Easter Hymn #268 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*, adapted

A World Tour of Spring Holidays Colleen Thoele
Director of Religious Education

Returning

Offering *You Raise Me Up*
by Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham
performed by Christie Anderson, accordion, and Brad Bolton, guitar

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 *With a Song of Joy*, by Bret Hesla, adapted

Benediction



Sunday, April 16, 2023
A Joyful Journey -Religious Education Sunday
Led by DRE Colleen Thoele, the RE Committee
and our UUCK Children and Youth

Activities & Events: April 9 - 16, 2023

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

April 9 Sunday

8:45 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:00 AM Social Hour & Egg Hunt

April 10 Monday

6:00 PM OWL

April 11 Tuesday

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

April 12 Wednesday

6:00 PM Rental – Hobbs Hall
6:30 PM Journey of Belonging

April 13 Thursday

5:00 PM Ministry Executive Team
7:30 PM Community Sing - Hobbs Hall

April 14 Friday

6:00 PM All Church Potluck Dinner

April 15 Saturday

8:00 AM Pledge to End Racism Workshop

April 16 Sunday

10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:00 AM Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction
Fundraiser for UUYJ Service Trip
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

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#38 Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

#395 Sing and Rejoice

Sing and rejoice.
Sing and rejoice.
Let all things living now
sing and rejoice.

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land vs. 1-3

When Egypt was in Israel's land,
let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
tell old Pharaoh, to let my people go.

The Lord told Moses what to do,
let my people go;
to lead the tribe of Israel through,
let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
tell old Pharaoh, to let my people go.

For you the cloud shall clear the way,
let my people go;
a fire by night, a shade by day,
let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
tell old Pharaoh, to let my people go.

#268 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

adapted

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Hearts are strong, and voices sing, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
As he died his truth to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

With a Song of Joy

by Bret Hesla, adapted

With a song of joy the buds shall break
With a song of joy the seeds shall wake
May their song of joy be the song that you sing in your heart.
With a song of joy the sea shall roar
With a song of joy the sky shall pour
May their song of joy be the song that you sing in your heart.

Chorus: Joy will be the song
Joy will be the song
Joy will be the song in my heart. (2x)

With a song of hope the children learn
With a song of hope the geese return
May their song of hope be the song that you sing in your heart.
With a song of hope the grain will grow
With a song of hope the sun will glow
May their song of hope be the song that you sing in your heart.

Chorus: Hope will be the song
Hope will be the song
Hope will be the song in my heart. (2x)

With a song of peace the wind will blow
With a song of peace the stream will flow
May their song of peace be the song that you sing in your heart.
With a song of peace the grass will bend
With a song of peace the wound will mend
May their song of peace be the song that you sing in your heart.

Chorus: Peace will be the song
Peace will be the song
Peace will be the song in my heart. (2x)

With a song of love we all will play
With a song of love the trees will sway
May their song of love be the song that you sing in your heart.
With a song of praise to life and earth
With a song of praise for spring's rebirth
May their song of love be the song that you sing in your heart.

Chorus: Love will be the song
Love will be the song
Love will be the song in my heart. (2x)