

# *Finding Hope*



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Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

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Order of Service:

May 19, 2024, 11:00 AM

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“The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for.  
And the most you can do is live inside that hope.  
Not admire it from a distance but live right in it under its roof.”

~ Barbara Kingsolver ~

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering	Vanessa Vesely, piano
Welcome	Lori Mirkin-McGee, Worship Associate
Chime	
Prelude	#391 <i>Voice Still and Small</i> Vanessa Vesely
Chalice Lighting	<i>Still, There is Hope</i> by Nadine McSpadden Elaine Bowen, Service Leader
Opening Hymn	#361 <i>Enter, Rejoice and Come In</i> Diane Cardew, Hymn Leader

## **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	<i>Waltz, Op. 39, No. 15</i> by Johannes Brahms Vanessa Vesely
Reading	<i>I Know I Can</i> by Kimberley Debus Lori Mirkin-McGee
Hymn of Affirmation	#1015 <i>I Know I Can</i>

- Reading "Hope" is the Thing with Feathers (314)  
by Emily Dickinson  
Elaine Bowen
- Reading *Hope, Nearly Not There*, by David Breeden  
Lori Mirkin-McGee
- Homily *Finding Hope*  
Elaine Bowen

### **Returning**

- Offering Lori Mirkin-McGee
- Offertory *If*  
by Mark Patterson, lyrics by Emily Dickinson  
performed by Holly Wickersham and John Wickersham

### 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 #1028 *The Fire of Commitment*
- Benediction *We All Emerge*  
by Eric Williams



*Next Sunday, May 26, 2024*

*9:15 AM All-ages Worship: Dances of Universal Peace (Hobbs Hall)  
Led by Transitional Director of Music Emily Hall, Affiliated Minister  
Rev. Renee Ruchotzke with Alicia Patrice.*

*10:00 AM Community Café (aka Social Hour) in Hobbs Hall*

*11:00 AM Traditional Worship: Love and Loss are Interwoven  
Led by CLM Kathy Kerns, Worship Associate Heidi Sumser, with  
Transitional Director of Music Emily Hall*

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## Activities & Events: May 19 - 26, 2024

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### May 19 Sunday

9:15 AM All-Ages Worship  
10:00 AM Small Groups & Social Hour  
11:00 AM Worship – Traditional service  
12:00 PM Annual Voting Meeting

### May 20 Monday

### May 21 Tuesday

2:00 PM Fessenden Hall Reserved  
4:30 PM Library Committee  
6:00 PM Rental: Hobbs Hall Reserved  
6:00 PM Tone Chimes Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Committee on Shared Ministry

### May 22 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group  
6:00 PM Peace Chorus Rehearsal  
7:30 PM Peace Vespers

### May 23 Thursday

1:45 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

### May 24 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

### May 25 Saturday

### May 26 Sunday

9:15 AM All-Ages Worship  
10:00 AM Social Hour  
11:00 AM Worship – Traditional service

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### **#391 *Voice Still and Small***

Voice still and small, deep inside all,  
I hear you call, singing.  
In storm and rain, sorrow and pain,  
still we'll remain singing.  
Calming my fears, quenching my tears,  
through all the years, singing.

### **#361 *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 hearts ev'ryone...

Don't be afraid of some change...

Enter, rejoice, and come in...

### **#1015 *I Know I Can***

Though days be dark with storms  
And burdens weigh my heart;  
Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn,  
I know I can go on.

When sorrow heals my soul  
And burdens make me strong,  
Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn,  
I know I can go on.

My sister in my heart,  
My brother in my song,  
Though troubles wait at every turn,  
I know I can go on.

And though the journey is long,  
The destination is near,  
Though troubles wait at every turn,  
I know I can go on.

So brothers take my hand,  
And sisters sing my song,  
When hope awaits at every turn,  
I know we will go on.

### **#1028 *The Fire of Commitment***

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear  
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

Chorus:

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,  
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

Chorus

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,  
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

Chorus