



Blooming Together



**2 June 2024
Rev. Christie Anderson
Colleen Thoele, DRE
Emily Hall, Transitional Music Director
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent**

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Order of Service:

June 2, 2024

Music for Gathering

Benjamin Pritchard

Welcome and Chime

Rev. Christie Anderson
Affiliated Community Minister

Prelude

Ode to Joy from Symphony No. 9
by Ludwig van Beethoven
played by the Kent UU Youth Symphony

Chalice Lighting and 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.

Words of Gathering

Colleen Thoele
Director of Religious Education

Opening Hymn

#63 Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers
Benny Hovancsek, piano

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

Sharing Our Sorrows, Losses, and a Time of Silence

Response:

from *the Honoring Song*, by Mallory Heartsong

We're here with you. We honor you. And we love you.

Pastoral Prayer

Sharing Our Joys, Wonder, and Awe

Doxology

text by Lisa Doege
led by Lo Thoele

*In colors bright and essence sweet,
Like flowers we blossom when we meet.
O, Source of Life, our song we raise,
This beauty fills our hearts with praise.*

Time for All Ages

The Big Umbrella
by Amy June Bates

Sung Response (insert)

Umbrella
by Christopher Stewart, Terius Nash,
Kuk Harrell and Shawn Carter
led by Lo Thoele

New Member Welcome Ceremony

Welcoming Hymn

Whoever You Are, by Hal Walker

UU Identity

Rev. Christie Anderson

Flower Ceremony

Flower Duet from *Lakme*
by Léo Delibes
Katie Grigg-Miller and Emily Hall, vocals
Vanessa Vesely, piano

Responsive Reading (insert)

We Need a Religion
by Scott Alexander

Returning

Mark Allender's Awesome Cards

Rev. Christie Anderson

Offering

#311 *Let It Be a Dance*

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

#407 *We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*

Benediction



Next Sunday: June 9, 2024
10:00 AM at Plum Creek Park, Pavilion #2

Service in the Park with Pet Blessings
Led by Lori Mirkin-McGee
followed by an all-church picnic

Activities & Events: June 2 - 9, 2024

<https://kentuu.org/calendar>

kentuu.org/news/announcements-events

June 2 Sunday

10:00 AM Worship (Hobbs Hall)
11:00 AM Social Hour

June 3 Monday

6:00 PM Staff Retreat

June 4 Tuesday

June 5 Wednesday

4:30 PM Knitting & Crochet Group
5:00 PM Website Committee

June 6 Thursday

6:30 PM Board of Trustees

June 7 Friday

8:00 AM Rental: Hobbs Hall Kitchen

June 8 Saturday

June 9 Sunday

10:00 AM Service in the Park (Plum Creek)
11:00 AM All-church Picnic
1:00 PM Hobbs Hall Reserved

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Church Office: The church office is located in the Eldredge Annex
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Visit our website.



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Responsive Reading: Please respond with the words in italics

We Need a Religion by Scott Alexander

In a world with so much hatred and violence,
We need a religion that proclaims the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

In a world with so much brutality and fear,
We need a religion that seeks justice, equity, and compassion in human relations .

In a world with so many persons abused and neglected,
We need a religion that calls us to accept one another and encourage one another to spiritual growth.

In a world with so much dogmatism and falsehood,
We need a religion that challenges us to a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

In a world with so much tyranny and oppression,
We need a religion that affirms the right and conscience and the use of the democratic process.

In a world with so much inequity and strife,
We need a religion that strives toward the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all.

In a world with so much environmental degradation,
We need a religion that advocates respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

In a world with so much uncertainty and despair,
We need a religion that teaches our hearts to hope, and our hands to care.

Whoever You Are

by Hal Walker

Whoever you are,
we welcome you
Wherever you come from,
we welcome you
Whomever you love,
we welcome you

Sung Response: Umbrella

When the sun shines, we shine together
Told you I'll be here forever
Said "I'll always be your friend"
And I'll stick it out 'til the end
Now that it's rainin' more than ever
Know that we'll still have each other
You can stand under my umbrella
You can stand under my umbrella
Ella-ella, ayy, ayy, ayy
Under my umbrella
Ella-ella, ayy, ayy, ayy

New Member Welcome Ceremony

Congregation: We the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent, welcome you and gratefully acknowledge your choice to join with us in our continuing religious life.

New Members: I become a member of this church aware of the privileges and responsibilities of membership and with a deep feeling of being welcomed.

Congregation: Ours is a faith which reveres the past, envisions the future and lives with passion in this moment. Even as we honor those who have brought us to this day, we celebrate your newly found commitment and eagerly anticipate working with you in our shared ministries.

New members: I bring to this church community my talents and enthusiasm, my shortcomings and my doubts. I am prepared to give and receive as we travel this path together.

Congregation: We celebrate your decision and acknowledge the mutuality of our commitments. We too are prepared to give and receive as we travel this path together. Welcome to membership with us in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent.

New Members, we welcome you.

Kirt Beiling	Kia Pigott
Charlie Brandes	Heather Prichard
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Nathaniel Gulick	Serena Loftus
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