

*Weathering,  
Surviving,  
and Thriving*



22 February 2026  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent

# ***Weathering, Surviving, and Thriving***

Order of Service

February 22, 2026, 11:00 AM

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“Not everything that is faced can be changed,  
but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

– James Baldwin

## **Gathering**

Music for Gathering

Welcome

Rev. Kristina Church, Minister

Chime

Prelude

*Been in the Storm So Long*, trad. Spiritual

Call to Worship

Becky Cline, Worship Associate

Chalice Lighting

words by Julianne Lepp

Opening Hymn

*#1051 We Are*

Time for All Ages

Colleen Thoele  
Director of Religious Education/other

## **Reflecting**

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Music Meditation

*#1045 There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Reading I

Reflection

Rev. Kristina

Reflection Hymn

*#95 There Is More Love Somewhere*

Reflection

Becky Cline, Worship Associate

Reading II

Reflection

Rev. Kristina

## Returning

Offering

*#151 I Wish I Knew How*  
words and music by Billy Taylor and Dick Dallas

Extinguishing the Chalice

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth, the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

Closing Hymn

*This Joy*  
by Shirley Caesar

Benediction

Rev. Kristina



*Next Sunday, March 1, 2026*  
*How Anti-Woke Became an Epithet*  
*Led by Kate Starks and Worship Associate Rev. Renee Ruchotzke*

*9:15 AM Service in the Church Sanctuary*  
*10 AM Children's Religious Education and Adult Small Reflection Groups*  
*11:00 AM Service in Hobbs Hall*

# Today, February 22

## Calendar

- Sunday, February 22
  - 9:15 & 11:00 AM Service - There Is a Love Holding Us
  - 10:00 AM - RE (9:45am Justice January Adult Session in Fessenden)
  - 10:50 AM - UUYJ Stock Sales
  - 12:00 PM - Social Hour
- Monday, February 23
  - 7:30 PM - Community Sing
- Tuesday, February 24
  - 10:00 AM - Midweek Midrash
  - 6:00 PM - Tone Chime Rehearsal
  - 7:15 PM - Music Ministry Meeting
- Wednesday, February 25
  - 4:30 PM - Knitting & Crochet Group
  - 6:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, February 26
  - 10:00 AM - Endowment Committee
  - 5:30 PM - Contract to Call Team
  - 6:00 PM - Stewardship Team
- Friday, February 27
  - 500 PM - Feel Something; Make Something
  - 6:00 PM - Long Strange Trip: UU History Film Series

**What's Happening:** see [kentuu.org/posts/](https://kentuu.org/posts/) for details



### Adult Religious Exploration

#### Rejected Texts, Lost Gospels: Discovering the Surprising Diversity in Early Christianity

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM March 5, 12, 26 & April 2, 9

Led by Katie Grigg-Miller



### Sunday, March 1, 2026

#### How Anti-Woke Became an Epithet

9:15 AM & 11 AM Worship

10:00 AM Children's RE & Adult Reflection Circles

12:00 PM Social Hour



### Dances of Universal Peace

#### Saturday, February 28

Hobbs Hall 5 - 7 PM

Suggested donation: \$10

Beginner friendly. All are welcome.



## **#1051 We Are**

For each child that's born,  
a morning star rises and  
sings to the universe  
who we are.

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We are our grandmothers' prayers  
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,  
we are the breath of our ancestors,  
we are the spirit of God.

We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,  
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,  
we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,  
we are lovers of life and the builders of nations,  
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,  
we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.

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## **#95 There Is More Love Somewhere**

There is more love somewhere.  
There is more love somewhere.  
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.  
There is more love somewhere.

There is more hope somewhere.  
There is more hope somewhere.  
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.  
There is more hope somewhere.

There is more peace somewhere.  
There is more peace somewhere.  
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.  
There is more peace somewhere.

There is more joy somewhere.  
There is more joy somewhere.  
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.  
There is more joy somewhere.

### ***This Joy***

by Shirley Caesar

This **joy** that I have  
The world didn't give it to me  
This **joy** that I have  
The world didn't give it to me  
This **joy** that I have  
The world didn't give it to me  
Ooh I said, the world didn't give it  
The world can't take it away

Zipper: **strength, love, pride, peace, joy**