

*Blossoming Forth:
Flower Communion, 2026*



*14 June 2026
Unitarian Universalist
Church of Kent*

Blossoming Forward Flower Communion Sunday

Order of Service

June 14, 2026, 11:00 AM

Music for Gathering

Prelude

Flower Prelude
by Ruben Piirainen

Flower Procession

Welcome

Rev. Kristina Church, Minister

Chime

Opening Words

Stella Diehl

Chalice Lighting

Colleen Thoele
Director of Religious Education

Opening Hymn

#76 For Flowers That Bloom about Our Feet

Holding One Another in Care and Compassion

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

Flower Mediation

Music Meditation

Peaceful Steps
by Leilah Be
inspired by the teaching of Thich Nhat Hanh

Planting the Seeds of Connection

Music

The Flowers of Purpose
by Katie Grigg-Miller

The Blessing of the Flowers

Flower Communion

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

Offering

Flower Carol
from *Pia Cantiones* (13th cent.)
arr. Peter Amidon

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

We Are One from *Beauty Calls Us Together*
words and melody by Rev. Suzelle Lynch
musical arrangement by Ruben Piirainen

Benediction

Postlude

Garden Song (Inch by Inch)
by David Mallet



Summer service schedule: one service at 11:00 AM in Hobbs Hall.

Next Sunday, June 21, 2026

Meet the Moment: General Assembly Closing Worship
with Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu

- Sunday, June 14
 - 10:00 AM - UUYJ Service Trip Planning
 - 10:00 AM - Adult Reflection Circles
 - 11:00 AM - Worship: Blossom Forward
 - 12:00 PM - Program: Rubber City Reuse: Food Recycling
- Wednesday, June 17
 - 10:00 AM - Ministry Executive Team
 - 4:30 PM - Knitting, Crochet, and Needle Point
- Thursday, June 18
 - 6:50 PM - Board of Trustees
 - 7:00 PM - Thursday Covenant Group
- Friday, June 19
 - 6:30 PM - Soulful Home Family Dinner
- Saturday, June 20
 - 6:30 PM - GA Potluck and Ware Lecture
- Sunday, June 21
 - 10:00 AM - Adult Reflection Circles
 - 11:00 AM - Worship: GA Sunday Closing Worship
 - 12:30 PM - Worship Arts Team

What's Happening? see kentuu.org/posts/ for details



Next Sunday, June 21

Worship: General Assembly Closing Worship
11 AM in Hobbs Hall



Dinner & Inspiration

June 20 in Fessenden Hall

6:30 PM Potluck Dinner - Open to All

8 PM Ware Lecture - GA registration required
(honor system observed)

Please use the QR Code to sign-up.



Save the Date: June 26

Bash the Patriarchy with Pride Karaoke

More details in next week's "What's Happening!"



#76, For Flowers That Bloom about Our Feet

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
for tender grass so fresh and sweet,
for song of bird and hum of bee,
for all things fair we hear or see: Giver of all, we thank thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,
for pleasant shade of branches high,
for fragrant air and cooling breeze,
for beauty of the blooming trees: Giver of all, we thank thee.

For this new morning with its light,
for rest and shelter of the night,
for health and food, for love and friends,
for everything thy goodness sends: Giver of all, we thank thee.

Peaceful Steps

by Leilah Be inspired by the teaching of Thich Nhat Hanh

May I take peaceful steps upon the earth
May I take peaceful steps upon the earth

I bow to you, a flower
I bow to you, a flower

We Are One from Beauty Calls Us Together

words and melody by Rev. Suzelle Lynch
musical arrangement by Ruben Piirainen

We are here, and a new faith is dawning.
We are here, many hearts filled with hope.
We are here, joining freely together,
Siblings and strangers, cousins and neighbors.
Creating new traditions, shaping what will come.
We are here, we are here, we are one.

We are one, though each of us is different.
We are one, each with blessings and needs,
We are one, bringing beauty to the table,
Siblings and strangers, cousins and neighbors.
Nurturing each other, singing harmony.
We are one, we are one, we are free.

We are free, liberated from old symbols.
We are free, free to learn, grow, and serve.
We are free, like flowers in the gardens,
Siblings and strangers, cousins and neighbors.
Growing in courage to face the great unknown.
We are free, we are free, we are home.

We are home, respecting one another.
We are home, sharing all that must be done.
We are home, in the voices of our children,
Siblings and strangers, cousins and neighbors.
Loving one another, what could be more clear?
We are home, we are home, we are here!
We are free, we are home, we are here!
We are one, we are free, we are here!

Garden Song (Inch by Inch)

by David Mallet

Inch by inch, row by row
Gonna make this garden grow
All it takes is a rake and a hoe
And a piece of fertile ground

Inch by inch, row by row
Someone bless these seeds I sow
Someone warm them from below
Till the rain comes tumblin' down

Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones
Man is made of dreams and bones
Feel the need to grow my own
'Cause the time is close at hand

Grain for rain, sun and rain
Find my way in natures chain
Tune my body and my brain
To the music from the land

Plant your rows straight and long
Temper them with prayer and song
Mother Earth will make you strong
If you give her love and care

An old crow watching hungrily
From his perch in yonder tree
In my garden I'm as free
As that feathered thief up there.