

We
Shall

overcome

Kent United Church of Christ

*AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, W.I.S.E.,
and CREATION JUSTICE CONGREGATION*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 30, 2026

BELLS

PRELUDE

What a Wonderful World

arr. Soren Bebe

GREETING

Rev. Amy Gopp, senior minister

*OPENING HYMN #74

We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear

LIEBSTER JESU

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Saltzman, liturgist

Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it.

We come to practice a love that is real.

Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good.

We come to cling to what is good.

Be good friends who love deeply. Practice playing second fiddle.

We come to honor one another.

Laugh with your friends when they're happy; share tears when they're hurting.

We come to rejoice and weep together.

Bless your enemies; bless and don't curse.

We come to choose a different way.

Don't let evil get the best of you.

We will get the best of evil by doing good.

Come, beloved community. Come and practice the way of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit. Teach us how to love.

*INVOCATION

Jeff Saltzman

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.

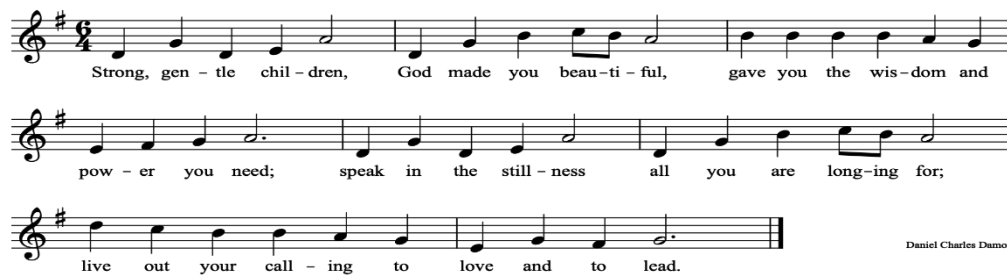
And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with one another.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Emily

"Strong and Gentle Children" is sung to bless the children.



A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 12:9-21

Here ends the reading from God's word.

Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.

SERMON

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Pastor Amy

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kum Ba Yah
Classic Sonatina 1st Movement
Hannah Prochaska, piano

arr. Faber

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Amy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory for ever.

Amen.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #570

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INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Jeff Saltzman

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Amy

*CLOSING HYMN #393

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Amy

*POSTLUDE

Rise Up With Him

by Janet Vogt

***Our service has ended. Now our service begins.
You are the Body of Christ, and the whole world awaits you.***





From our house to yours

Kent United Church of Christ

1400 East Main Street

**Annual Rummage
Sale**

Friday, Sept. 18th 9am-5pm

Saturday, Sept. 19th 9am-12pm

Proceeds may go to these Mission Partners:

- Habitat For Humanity
- Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank
- Freedom House
- Kent Social Services
- Phyllis Zumkehr Clothing Center
- Safer Futures
- Miller House
- United Christian Ministries
- UYF
- Kent Environmental Council
- KIFA
- Portage County NAACP

Our volunteer sign up will run through Sunday Sept 13. Look for the tables in the narthex and downstairs by the elevator. We need both people to work the sale (30-40 volunteers) and food donations for those working the sale.

Drop-offs will run every Wednesday from 5-7 and every Saturday from 10-12 through Saturday, September 12. On Sunday the 13th, we will have drop-offs **AFTER CHURCH ONLY** from 11-1 and then Sunday evening 5-7. That will be the best time for large drop offs.

Please contact Kathy Robinson if you need a pickup for large items that night. We will also do drop offs from 5-7, Monday-Wednesday the week of the sale.