

## Order of Worship: Palm Sunday

*Let us be as open vessels that God's spirit may enter.*

The Community Gathers: Experience God's presence in the assembly. Please greet one another with joy and welcome new friends into our community of love.

*You are welcome here...come and worship!*

**Focus:** "The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving."

*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, 19th century*

### 9:55 Preparation for worship:

#### Opening and Procession:

**Music:** Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord

(Stephen Schwartz Godspell)

#### Welcome:

#### Gathering Music: Come and Find, verse 1

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded lives we lead  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be...

#### Responsive Call to Worship:

L: God of Change, we are too busy sometimes to show up for what's important.

**All: Let us *make* room for You.**

L: Your parade of abundant life is happening and we can't clear our schedules.

**All: Let us *find* room for You.**

L: Help us clear out the way we live and let go of the things we adore that are not You.

**All: Let us *be* room for You. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: We Are Marching In the Light of God #853  
(Verses 1-4)**

#### Invocation:

#### Lord's Prayer:

**Awakening:** *The Outlaw* (by Larry Norman)

*-Chris Humphrey*

#### **Message for the children and the child in each of us:**

Easter Love Letters from God by Glenys Nellist, Ill. by Sophie Allsopp

#### **Scripture:** A First-Person Narrative of Mark 14:1--15:47

Woman Who Anointed Jesus-Ardis Chretien; Peter-Bob Sherman;  
Pilate-Cris Hudson; Centurion-Tom Craven

#### **Meditation:** The Way of the Cross

Rev. Paula Norbert

#### **Sermon Response:** *Meditative Instrumental*

~ *Chris Humphrey*

**Musical call to Prayer: (two times)** Hush now in quiet peace, be still your mind at ease. The Spirit brings release, so wait upon the Lord.

#### **Prayers of the People:**

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

#### **Quiet Reflection in Prayer Chair:**

#### **The God Box and The Serenity Prayer:**

#### **Music: Come and Find, verse 2**

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base  
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

#### **Offertory Invitation:** *Here Comes The Sun (Son)* (by George Harrison)

*-Chris Humphrey*

**Doxology:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Dedication:**

Closing Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honor

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Children's Sharing Time:

Benediction A Blessing for the Unhurried Life Rev. Paula Norbert

This week, slow it down even more if you can.  
For it is the week that we remember what happens  
when Love demands attention.

There is no better moment than now  
to take stock of what's important and vow to uphold it.  
And may you be reacquainted each day  
with an unhurried God  
who is calling you to dive deeply into love. Amen.

Recessional: Come and Find, Verse 3

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we  
gain: There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a  
time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there  
is always room to spare.

Thank you to our Guest Musicians today: Chris Humphrey, Jen  
Comeau and thanks to Patricia Mulholland and Members of our  
Union Church Choir.

Worship Materials by Worship Design Studios, Marcia McPhee.  
Words for the theme song, "Come and Find the Quiet Center" by  
Shirley Erena Murray. Tune: Beach Spring.  
First Person Narrative from Mark: NW Synod of Wisconsin Re-  
source Center by Rev. Duane Pederson, First Lutheran, Eau  
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# *Union Church*

## *Biddeford Pool*

*...a place of peace and Presence by the sea*



**Reconnecting with an Unhurried God**  
**Sixth Sunday in Lent- Palm Sunday**

*You are welcome here*

*April 14, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.*