

## Order of Worship

*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:** Sow New Seeds in the Broken Walls

"Sometimes we feel overwhelmed by the task ahead. Breaking down walls, creating new bridges of love and caring seems impossible yet planted seeds do sprout and grow, just as the seed of Jesus' life was planted and grew into a mighty tree. Seeds can grow into might trees that send out flowers and produce more seeds that spread. It is possible to bring change and transform barren landscapes into places where life flourishes."

-Christine Sine

### 9:55 Preparation for worship:

**Gathering Music:** *You must Believe in Spring (by Michel Legrand)*

-Chris Humphrey

### Welcome:

### Responsive Call to Worship:

**Leader:** God's strong and loving hands are outstretched to all Creation.

**All: Let the world stretch forth and grasp God's hands with joy.**

L: God's open hands are as the gate of righteousness.

**All: Let us enter in to God's abundant life and give thanks.**

L: In God's hands are new life, strength, and salvation.

**All: Let us be thankful and sing unto our God with gladness.**

**Opening Hymn:** I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32

### Invocation:

O Divine Creator, thank you for the glorious seasons of the year, for this healing place where peace and beauty abound...for the glorious promise of new life, for each person who has chosen to worship here

today. We are blessed and we are grateful. Open us, heal us, inspire us with your amazing Spirit as we worship and pray together saying...

### Lord's Prayer:

### Awakening:

**Message for the children and the child in each of us:** How the Cedar Tree Became a Gift from the Creator by Molly Larkin

-Rev. Jan Hryniewicz

**Scripture:** Isaiah 58: 1 – 12; Colossians 3: 15 – 17 -Deborah Burke

**Sermon:** Even from an Old Stump revisited... Rev. Jan Hryniewicz

**Sermon Response:** *Meditative Instrumental-Because He Lives*

(by Bill Gaither)

-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

**Offertory:** *How Great Thou Art (arr. By Chris Humphrey)* -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:

### Children's Sharing Time:

**Closing Hymn:** In the Bulb There is a Flower

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**Benediction**

*\*Please take the hand of the person next to you.*

By the power of your Spirit, O God,  
imbue us with the power of the Risen Christ's wounded hands.  
May that power make us one in You.  
May that unity cause us to love as mightily as You.  
May your love move us to use our hands as You do--  
to do works of care and justice for your beloved Earth and  
all its people— works that heal, free, plant, hug, write, show, speak, and  
grow. Give us grace and strength for abundant life!  
For this is the day that God as made, let us go forth, rejoice,  
and be glad in it!

**Response:** Amen! Alleluia!

**Recessional:** *Go in Peace*

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.  
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.  
celebrate and share the joy. Celebrate new life.  
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Thank you to Music Director, Michelle Currie and to our  
Musician today: Chris Humphrey  
and to our Children's Minister, Gail Quinney.

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Great Thanks to Rev. Jan Hryniewicz for sharing the Children's  
Time and our Sermon today.

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If you are interested in joining Union Church or would like to set up a  
time to meet with our Pastor, please contact Pastor Paula directly.

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# *Union Church*

## *Biddeford Pool*

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



*You are welcome here*  
*April 28, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.*