

Order of Worship: A Time for Every Matter

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: *"Look well to this one day, for it and it alone is life. In the brief course of this day lie all the verities and realities of your existence; the pride of growth, the glory of action, the splendor of beauty. Yesterday is only a dream, and tomorrow is but a vision. Yet each day, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and each tomorrow, a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this one day, for it and it alone is life."*

— Sanskrit

9:55 Preparation for worship:

Opening:

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...

Welcome:

Responsive Call to Worship:

L: Let us pray a "prayer for clearing out..."

Creator God, we push and push until we are exhausted.

Let us *make* room for You.

Release us from the illusion of the control of time and our fear of its passage.

Let us *find* room for You.

Help us clear out the incessant drive to always produce.

Let us *be* room for You.

In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: Spirit of Gentleness, Verses 1, 2 & 3

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Invocation:

Lord's Prayer:

Awakening: *Turn! Turn! Turn!* (by Pete Seeger)

-Jen Comeau

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

Over and Over by Charlotte Zolotow

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Lenten Journey

-Lisa Barstow

After the reading, you may respond with "Thanks Be to God" if you choose.

Meditation: Slowing Down

Rev. Paula Norbert

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Words of Invitation

The Bread and The Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music: *Instrumental*

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 Reflection

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: *I Dreamed of Rain* (by Jan Garrett/JD Martin)

-Jen Comeau

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: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Verses 1, 2, 3
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Children's Sharing Time:

Benediction:

Rev. Paula Norbert

May you notice creation around you
and how effortlessly it passes the time.
May you see the passing of time
as a friend, with all its fast and slow moments.
May you find delight in the season of "right now."

And may you be reacquainted each day with an
unhurried God who is calling you to dive deeply into love.

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: Jen Comeau & Patricia
Mulholland.

Union Church

Biddeford Pool

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



Reconnecting with an Unhurried God
Fifth Sunday in Lent

You are welcome here

April 7, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.