

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: "When God wants to sort out the world, as the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount make clear, he doesn't send in the tanks. He sends in the meek, the broken, the justice hungry, the peacemakers, the pure-hearted and so on." - **N.T. Wright, The Challenge of Jesus: Rediscovering Who Jesus Was and Is**

9:55 Preparation for worship:

Gathering Music: *The Good, The True, The Beautiful* (by Jen Comeau)
-Jen & John Comeau

Welcome:

Responsive Call to Worship:

L: Blessed are those who trust in God, who delight in meditating on God's law.

All: **We long to hear the Word of God and let the Word shape our lives.**

L: Blessed are those who seek the realm of God, who hunger to find meaning in their lives.

All: **We intend to give our best to our Creator, bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

L: Blessed are they who serve God with joy, who risk all they have in faithfulness and hope.

All: **We come now to worship and find new life, to receive healing and empowerment for our journey.**

Opening Hymn: Make Me A Channel of Your Peace #753

Invocation:

Come, O Holy One, to search our minds and try our hearts. Touch us, teach us; hear us, heal us. Send your Spirit to walk with us, as Christ walked with the disciples long ago, that your realm may become for us a present reality as well as a future hope. Grant us what we need to be renewed in spirit and live in hope. Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Awakening: *True Colors* (by Cyndi Lauper) -Jen & John Comeau

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

Scripture: Luke 6:17-26, Jeremiah 17: 7, 8, 10 Nancy Batchelor

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

Sermon: Yours is the Kingdom of God Rev. Paula Norbert

Sermon Response: Meditative Instrumental ~ *Angels in Front of Me*
(by Jen Comeau) -Jen Comeau

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 Invitation: *Help Me Lord* (by Patricia Mulholland)
-The Union Church Choir

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: Blest Are They

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Children's Sharing Time:

Benediction

Rev. Paula Norbert

May you go forth into a needy world to share the water of life with others. Be assured that God knows you, blesses you and seeks to renew your life in faith and hope.

Response: Amen

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.
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Thank you to our Music Director, Michelle Currie and to our Guest Musician's today: Jen & John Comeau, Choir Director Patricia Mulholland & The Union Church Choir & to our Children's Minister, Gail Quinney.

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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



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