

## 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:** "Wounding and healing are not opposites. They're part of the same thing. It is our wounds that enable us to be compassionate with the wounds of others. It is our limitations that make us kind to the limitations of other people. It is our loneliness that helps us to find other people or to even know they're alone with an illness. I think I have served people perfectly with parts of myself I used to be ashamed of."

*Rachel Naomi Remen*

### 9:55 Preparation for worship:

**Gathering Music:** *Do I Dare* (by Dave Wilcox)

*-Cheryl Sager & Neal Zweig*

### Welcome:

### Responsive Call to Worship:

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

**C: We have come to follow Jesus**

L: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

**C: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

**C: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**C: We have come to follow Jesus.**

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

**Opening Hymn: God, How Can We Forgive**

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### Invocation:

**O God, you long for us to hear that the heart of your commandment is truthful love. Even more than that, you long for us to embody this way of integrity in all facets of our lives. Dealing justly with our neighbors and even the strangers among us draws us close to the holiness of everyday life, the witness of Jesus, and the fruit of the Spirit. Inspire our worship, that our lives may be transformed into living testaments of your grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer:

**Awakening:** *How Can It Be* (by Jason Ingram, Jeff Johnson and Paul Mabury)  
*-Cheryl Sager & Neal Zweig*

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

**Scripture:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Luke 6:27-28 Rev. Lamar Robinson  
After the reading, you may respond with "Thanks Be to God" if you choose.

**Sermon:** On Forgiveness Again? Rev. Paula Norbert

**Sermon Response: *Meditative Instrumental*** ~ Neal Zweig

**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:** *Love Like This* (by Lauren Daigle, Jason Ingram and Paul Mabury)  
*-Cheryl Sager & Neal Zweig*

**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: God of Compassion in Mercy Befriend Us #436

Children's Sharing Time:

Benediction

Rev. Paula Norbert

Wonderful God, you call us to do the impossible: to love our enemies, to confront injustice, to share with the poor. Bless us, therefore, as we depart this place: give us the blessing of a faithful spirit, a willing heart, and a kin-dom of grace. 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.  
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Thank you to our Music Director, Michelle Currie and to our Guest Musician's today: Patricia Mulholland, Cheryl Sager & Neal Zweig & 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*



*"The Half- Life of Forgiveness" Photo by Robert Dalton*

*You are welcome here*

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