

Order of Worship: Living Light

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: To live in the light of a new day and an unimaginable and unpredictable future, you must become fully present to a deeper truth - not a truth from your head, but a truth from your heart; not a truth from your ego, but a truth from the highest source. Debbie Ford

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..."

God of Open Spaces, we are choked, clogged and cluttered.

All: Let us *make* room for You.

L: Draw us into this time of worship to assess our real needs.

All: Let us *find* room for You.

L: Help us clear out our hearts to find room for holy desires.

All: Let us *be* room for You.

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

Amen.

Opening Hymn: Here In This Place

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Invocation:

Lord's Prayer:

Awakening: *All Good Gifts (by Stephen Schwartz)*

-Anna Humphrey & Chris Humphrey

New Members Welcome: Today, we are pleased to welcome Sue Murphy and Louise Merriman as new members to Union Church

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

Scripture: Unclenched Moment by Rev. Ted Loder, Luke 12:29-34

-Tom Bancroft

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

Sermon: How Might We Lighten Up?

Rev. Paula Norbert

Sermon Response: *Pie Jesus (by Andrew LloydWebber)*

-Ada Goff & 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:

Quiet Reflection in Prayer Chair:

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

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: *Give Me The Simple Life (by Harry Ruby/Rube Bloom)*

-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: Come! Live in the Light!

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Children's Sharing Time:

Benediction Blessing for the Unhurried Life Rev. Paula Norbert
May you clear out the clutter to discover the "more" of less.
May you release the striving in favor of the relishing.
May you find true treasure and share it with wild abandon.
And may you be reacquainted each day
with an unhurried God who is calling you to dive deeply into love.
Response: 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 Musician's today: Chris Humphrey, Anna
Humphrey, Jen Comeau & Ada Goff and 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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Biddeford Pool

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Reconnecting with an Unhurried God
Fourth Sunday in Lent
You are welcome here
March 31, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.