

## Order of Service

### Prelude:

Opening: Rev. Paula Norbert

Opening 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...  
Tune: Beach Spring (Hymn 498)

### Welcome

Rev. Paula Norbert

### Call to Worship A Prayer for Clearing Out

Leader: Forgiving God, we are not sure we can slow down.

**All: Help us make room for You.**

L: We have too often crowded you out, too busy even to make a change.

**All: Help us find room for You.**

L: We come to you wanting it to be different.

**All: Let us be room for You.**

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

### Invocation:

**Hymn: Be Thou My Vision (Verses 1,2)**

#450

Readings: Matthew 6:1-6 (The Message)

Beth Baskin

Blessing the Dust by Jan Richardson

Reflection: Rev. Paula Norbert

### Quiet Reflection in Prayer Chair

### Musical Response: 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.

### The God Box:

#### The Serenity Prayer:

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;  
the courage to change the things I can;  
and the wisdom to know the difference."

#### Reception of Ashes

Remember that you are God's beloved dust,  
and to God's beloved dust you shall return.

Music for Reflection: *Come and Journey with Me (by David Haas)*

-Jen Comeau & Ada Goff

### Invitation To Lenten Practices:

Closing Hymn: My Life Flows On

#821 (Verses 1, 2)

Benediction: Blessing for the Unhurried Life

May this journey change your way  
of thinking and being.  
May this journey open you to more loving,  
more living, and more thriving.  
May you know deeply that there is time enough  
for you, for your relationships, for your work AND for prayer.  
And may you be reacquainted each day  
with an unhurried God  
who is calling you to dive deeply into love. Amen.

***Closing Music: 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.

**Postlude:**

**With thanks to our musicians tonight: Jen Comeau and Ada Goff  
And our Music Director, Michelle Currie**

**Worship Materials by Worship Designs Studios, Marcia McPhee,  
Tune-Beach Spring  
Come and Find the Quiet Center, a Poem by Shirley Ezra Murray**

# Union Church

**Biddeford Pool, Maine**



**Reconnecting with an Unhurried God  
You are welcome here...**

**March 6, 2019**