

Order of Worship- Memorial Day

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: I want to take the word Christianity back to Christ himself, back to that mighty heart whose pulse seems to throb through the world today, that endless fountain of charity out of which I believe has come all true progress and all civilization that deserves the name. I go back to that great Spirit which contemplated a sacrifice for the whole of humanity. That sacrifice is not one of exclusion, but of an infinite and endless and joyous inclusion. And I thank God for it.

Julia Ward Howe

9:55 Preparation for worship: As the candles for our service are being lit, you are invited to prepare for worship; putting aside all distractions, creating a quiet space and opening yourselves to the Spirit. We invite you to take a moment and write down the names of those you remember with love today.

Gathering Music: *Color Me America (by Dolly Parton)* -Michelle Currie

Welcome:

Responsive Call to Worship:

L: Though many places in the world are bound in war.

P: The peace of God is poured out for all people.

L: Though conflict and struggle affect so many lives.

P: The love of God is lavished on all people.

L: Let us praise the God of love and peace.

P: Let us listen for God's words of peace and justice for all people.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: **O Beautiful for Spacious Skies** #338

Invocation

Come, Prince of Peace, light our path as we gather today.

Open the gates of our minds and our hearts

that your word may penetrate to the depth of our being.

Lead us to the river of the water of life

And refresh us for the work you have set for us.

Sit us down under the tree of life. And let us rejoice

in the diversity of its fruit and witness to the healing

of nations. Show us your glory, Holy One

as we come to worship you. Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Awakening: *Angel Flight (by Darden Smith)* -Michelle Currie & Ada Goff

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

Scripture: Psalm 67, John 5:1-9, A Prayer for Peace -Anne Murray

Sermon: God's Truth is Marching On... Rev. Paula Norbert

Sermon Response: *Instrumental Meditation ~ Battle Hymn of the Republic (by William Steffe)* -Michelle Currie

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: *Going Home (by Antonin Dvorak/William Arms Fisher)*
-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:

Children's Sharing Time:

Closing Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth *See Lyric Insert

Blessing/Benediction

Rev. Paula Norbert

And may the peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

(Philippians 4:7, RSV)

Sending Forth: May you go in peace to love and serve the Lord and
one another.

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.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Thank you to Music Director Michelle Currie and our Musician's
today: Michelle Currie, Ada Goff, Choir Director Patricia
Mulholland & The Union Church Choir
Thank you to our Children's Minister,

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If you are interested in joining Union Church or would like to set up a
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To Honor and To Remember
you are welcome here
May 26, 2019– 10:00 a.m