

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: *"I saw an old Autumn in the misty morn Stand shadowless like silence, listening...To silence."* Thomas Hood, English Author

9:55 Preparation for worship:

Gathering Music: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (by Samuel Augustine Ward)*
-Michelle Currie

Welcome and Honoring Our Veterans:

Responsive Call to Worship:

Leader: We remember today, O God, all those who have served under the colors of their countries.

People: We commend them to you for their bravery, their patriotism, and their honor.

Leader: Grant that those who serve today may be kept in your everlasting love and protection.

People: Give comfort and encouragement to their families.

Leader: We pray for the day when there will be peace on earth and the kingdoms of this world will have become the kingdoms of our Christ.

People: Hasten that day, O God, and help us to live in that hope. Imbue us with your spirit of love and forgiveness, in order that we may understand the nature of Christ's kingdom.

Leader: Hear our prayers for our Friends and enemies in the world, that we all may be converted to following a path to justice and peace for all nations and join us in a better world community.

Opening Hymn: My Country, 'Tis Of Thee #337

Invocation:

Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Awakening: *Thank You, Soldiers (by Michael and Angela Souders)*

-Michelle Currie

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

Imagine by John Lennon, Illustrated by Jean Jullien

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1, 5--13, Mark: 12:38-44,

A Prayer for Veterans

-Tom Craven

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

Sermon: Gentle Among You

Rev. Paula Norbert

Sermon Response: *Meditation #4 (by Michael Card)*

-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: *Simple Gifts (by Elder Joseph Brackett)*

-Michelle Currie

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: Faith of Our Fathers

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Benediction

Rev. Paula Norbert

Go forth into the world.

Go on the journey together, wherever it may lead you.

Share the gifts of God with the people of God.

Be gentle and bold, courageous and trusting.

God will be with you, this day and always. Amen.

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 and our Musician today: Michelle Currie
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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Veterans Day

November 11, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.