

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: *"The kingdom, Jesus taught, is right here--present yet hidden, immanent yet transcendent. It is at hand--among us and beyond us, now and not-yet. The kingdom of heaven, he said, belongs to the poor, the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful, and those who hunger and thirst for God. It advances not through power and might, but through missions of mercy, kindness, and humility. In this kingdom, many who are last will be first and many who are first will be last."* Rachel Held Evans
Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again

9:55 Preparation for worship:

Gathering Music: *Be The Love You Are* (by Kim Sutherland)

-Cheryl Sager & Neil Zweig

Responsive Call to Worship:

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.

People: God has blessed us with God's great love.

Leader: Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries.

People: Let us come to this time praising God.

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship.

People: We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See

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Invocation:

With thankful hearts we pause this day to be reminded of our grandest hope: that the calamities, the demands, even the blessings of this world do not have the last word. You are the one who was and is, and who is yet to come—a ruler of a different kind. Open our hearts to the comfort, the challenge and the mystery of this good news. In the name of

Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, we pray. Amen.

Lord's Prayer:

Awakening: *Will the Circle Be Unbroken* (by Ada R. Habershon/Charles H. Gabriel)
-The Union Church Choir

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

By Dr. Wayne Dyer with Krstina Tracy, Illus: Stacy Heller Budnick

Scripture Reading: Psalm 93, John 18:33-37 -Anne Murray
After the reading, you may choose to respond, "Thanks be to God."

Sermon: Reflecting the Goodness of God. -Rev. Paula Norbert

Sermon Response: *Ripples of Kindness* (by Cheryl Sager)
-Cheryl Sager & Neil 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: *I Dreamed of Rain* (by Jan Garrett) -Cheryl Sager & Neil 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:

Children's Sharing Time:

Closing Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Benediction

God calls us into the world
to embody a realm that is not of this world.
Go forth now in the name of the one who is,
and was, and is to come.
May God's grace and peace be with you. 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 Michelle Currie & Choir Director Patricia Mulholland and our Musician's today: Cheryl Sager, Neil Zweig and The Union Church Choir

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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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A Wise Reign

you are welcome here

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