

The Joy of Creativity

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!

9:55 Preparation for worship:

Focus: *"I've learned that sometimes the best prayers are not built out of words but out of textures or colors or aromas or tones"*
-Vinita Hampton Wright

Gathering Music: *Only Joy Lives Here* (by Jennifer Comeau / Mike Farquharson)
-Jennifer Comeau & Michelle Currie

Welcome:

Call To Worship:

L: Creating and Holy God, you have blessed us with your glorious creation. Through your creative powers, you have shown us a little of your own beauty.

All: O Lord, our Creator, the majesty of your holy beauty overflows on all creation!

L: Creating and Holy God, you have blessed us with your sustaining grace.

All: Through your creative mercy, you have shown us a little of your own true Being and Nature, which calls forth from us a response of awe, wonder and praise! In trust and confidence we declare: "O Lord, your majesty fills all of creation." Amen.

Opening Hymn: Here In This Place

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Invocation: A Prayer for Artists from Prayers of Our Hearts by Vienna Cobb Andersen

Bless the creators, O God of creation, who by their gifts make

**the world a more joyful and beautiful realm.
Through their labors they teach us to see more clearly
the truth around us. In their inspiration
they call forth wonder and awe in our own living.
In their hope and vision they remind us that life is holy.
Bless all who create in your image, O God of creation.
Pour your Spirit upon them that their hearts may sing and
their works be fulfilling. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Awakening: *A Circle Song* -led by Patricia Mulholland

Message for the children and the child in each of us:
Drawing God by Karen Kiefer, Illustrated by Kathy Dewit

Readings: Let your Life Be Your Art, Alix Koloff "Elephant Journal;" A Reflection On Art by Lauren Rader; Psalm 8: 1-6, 9
-Rich Westley
After the reading, you may respond, "Thanks be to God."

Reflections: "The Creative Process: From Inspiration To Realization"
-Brad Coupe

Meditation Music: *When I Paint My Masterpiece* (by Bob Dylan)
-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: *She Flies* (by Jennifer Comeau / Michelle Currie)

-Jennifer Comeau & 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: This Little Light of Mine *see lyric insert

Benediction:

May you live this day Compassionate of heart
Gentle in word, Gracious in awareness
Courageous in thought and Generous in love. (*John O'Donohue*)

Postlude: 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.

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Many thanks to Michelle Currie, our Music Director & our musicians today Jennifer Comeau and Patricia Mulholland.

Great thanks to all who have shared their beautiful artistic creations with us today and contributed to this Service in various ways.

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Biddeford Pool

...a place of peace and Presence by the sea



"Fireflies" by Denise Kinney

Creativity and Spirituality

You are welcome here

February 9, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.