

You can survive on your own; you can grow strong on your own; you can prevail on your own; but you cannot become human on your own. *Frederick Buechner, American theologian, 21st c.*

It is in community that we are tested and purified. It is in community that we learn what forgiveness and healing are all about. It is in community that we learn who our neighbor is. Community is the true school of love. *Henri J. M. Nouwen, Dutch Catholic theologian, d. 1996*

...Christian values and service are not always politically correct or culturally popular. Following in the Way may put a believer at odds with the secular world, a condition that should never hinder our resolve. Our path is identified by the things we treasure, the priorities we set, and the way we treat others. *Richard J. Shaffer Jr, Dubuque Theological Seminary*

God incarnate is essentially homeless, apart from the hospitality of others.... The call to discipleship is a call to open hands, a practice the saints and mystics call "detachment". No one can cling to possessions and faithfully follow Christ. *Elaine A. Heath, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas*

Prayer Candles: Is there a person or relationship that needs a prayer?

Come forward and light an individual prayer candle before our worship begins!

Greeting One Another in Peace and Friendship

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude *Morning Prayer* Richard Blake

The Centering Silence

* **The Gathering Hymn** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* (insert)

* **The Call to Worship** e e cummings

L: i thank you God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

P: **(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings; and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)**

L: how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any – lifted from the no
of all nothing – human merely being doubt unimaginable You?

P: **(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)**

The Gathering Prayer *One Today* by Richard Blanco (insert)

Worship Music *It Is Well with My Soul* H. G. Spafford, arr. Bill Ingram
Rachel Dobbs, *hand bells*; Mark Baker, *piano*

A Time for the Child in Each of Us

Sing Our Children to Sunday School (*seated*) *Go Now In Peace* #437(*twice*)

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

The Prayer Hymn *God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty* # 514

The Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Barbara Turner, *CUF Communications/Resources*

O God, within and all around us,

May your many names be revered throughout the universe.

**May all creation work with you to establish your dream of
justice, peace and compassion everywhere.**

May we all have what we need for today.

**May we be forgiven for missing the mark, and may we forgive
our fellow human beings for being fallible.**

**Give us strength for times of trial and temptation and free us
from what is evil in our lives,**

for you are all-encompassing wonder, light, and glory. Amen

The Congregational Response *O Lord, hear my prayer* Taize Community

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

The Offering Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**Walk among us, God of Peace. Help our church to find the joy that comes
through involvement and sharing, so that we participate in the changes
taking place in the world and are a part of making all persons free. Amen.**

The Offering and The Offertory *Andante* Grieg

* **The Doxology** Isaac Watts

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Gospel Reading *Luke 9:51-62* Shelley Gilman, *Liturgist*

The Sermon *Rugged Commitment* Reverend Grenfell

* **The Parting Hymn** *This Is My Song* # 722

* **The Benediction**

* **The Congregational Benediction** (*unison*) J. Richardson

In the parting, in the letting go, let there be this to hold on to:

the enduring of love, the persisting of hope, the remembering of joy,
the offering of gratitude, the receiving of grace, and the blessing of peace. Amen.

* **The Postlude** *Let Freedom Ring!* James Mansfield

Welcome to the Church of Universal Fellowship, a house for all people.
We welcome persons of every age, background, circumstance, ethnicity,
family configuration, gender identity, and sexual orientation.
We believe that diversity enriches our faith community and that each of us
has a right and responsibility to support one another
as we search for the divine by living, learning, and growing.

~ Today ~

Morning Worship: 10:00 am The Sanctuary (Nursery, Sun. Sch.)
Coffee Hour: 11:00 am The Gathering Place

~ COMING UP at CUF! ~

Friday, July 19 at 7:00pm: The Acadie Duo:

Nicholas Southwick, *flute* and Jaime Feldman, *cello* will present an evening of chamber music with guest artists Patricia Stowell, *piano* and Sophie Davis, *violin*. The program is the fourth concert on their "Acadie Duo & Friends" summer series in Maine and will include two of Haydn's witty, vivacious "London" Trios for flute, violin, and cello and Beethoven's celebrated *Trio* in B-flat, Op. 11, here transcribed for flute, cello, and piano. **Admission \$20.**

Friday, July 26 at 7:00pm: Broadway and Beyond (see insert for info)

The CUF Ministerial Search Committee is pleased to announce that we've received 21 applications thus far. Several were not a good match right out of the gate, but we reviewed 10 this week and the Search Committee plans to do Skype interviews with 5 or 6 of them mid-July. Among other things, we are considering their pastoral experience and spiritual philosophy, as well as their response to our prospectus.

Did you know that you can read the job ad we've posted as well as the prospectus? You can find it on our website (churchofuniversalfellowship.org) on the home page slide show, it's named "Minister Job Description". If you click on "Read More..." you'll see the Minister Prospectus as a downloadable file in the middle of the page. *Thank you, The Ministerial Search Committee*

Summer Greeters—This summer we are asking **early arrivals** to greet others as they arrive. Although Tricia Griffith will help facilitate, please don't hesitate to "jump in" and volunteer yourself as a greeter when you arrive at church.

Summer Hospitality--This is easy and takes almost no time. Can I sign you up to host?
Ed Brazee: 207/576-8401 (text) edbrazee@gmail.com

Summer Plate Offerings: CUF's MISSION TO OUR COMMUNITY

Our church is committed to keeping its doors open to promote community-building activities and encourage positive relationships.

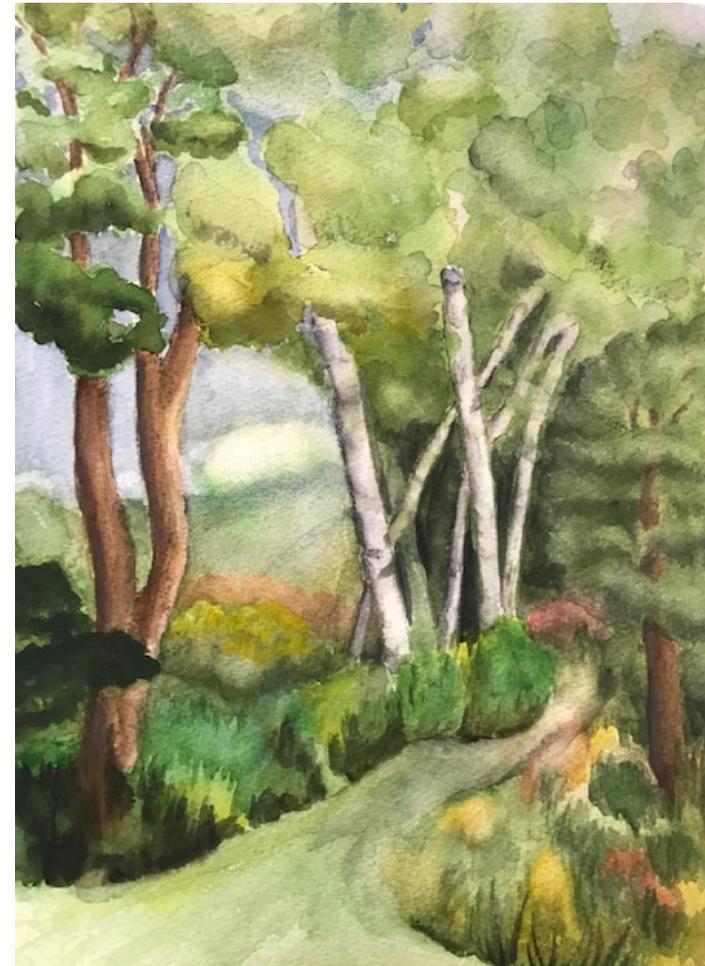
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Wednesdays and Thursdays only.

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Pathway to Summertime

by Beverly Antonitis

Ministers

Guest Organist/Pianist
Worship Music
Liturgist
Altar
Head Usher
Hospitality
Sunday School Teacher
Nursery Care
Offering Plate

The Reverend Lorna Grenfell
and members of the Congregation

Mark Baker
Rachel Dobbs
Shelley Gilman
Tricia Griffith
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Rachel Dobbs
Judy Whitney
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Kathy Barry and Rachel Dobbs

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