

"Those of us who are warm and dry and safe and well-fed must show up for those who are cold and wet and endangered and hungry. That's a rule of life. Every ethical and religious and spiritual tradition in the world agrees on that rule." - Elizabeth Gilbert

"We're already in the presence of God, what's absent is awareness." - Richard Rohr

"God simply keeps reaching down into the dirt of humanity and resurrecting us from the graves we dig for ourselves through our violence, our lies, our selfishness, our arrogance, and our addictions, and God keeps on loving us back to life over and over." -Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber

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** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* Wells

#### The Centering Silence

\* **The Gathering Hymn** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* # 5

\* **The Call to Worship** adapted from *Rebecca Sutton*

One: Pray for those who are hungry.

**Many: Pray harder for those who will not feed them.**

One: Pray for those who struggle each week to pay their bills.

**Many: Pray harder for the wealthy who do not care.**

One: Pray for those who are homeless.

**Many: Pray harder for those who deny them shelter.**

One: Pray for the sick and lonely.

**Many: Pray harder for those who will not give them comfort.**

One: Pray for those who cry out for dignity.

**Many: Pray harder for those who will not listen.**

One: Pray for those oppressed by unjust wages.

**Many: Pray harder for those who exploit them.**

One: Pray for those who bear the yoke of prejudice.

**Many: Pray harder for those who discriminate against them.**

One: Pray for those whose basic needs are denied.

**Many: Pray harder for public officials who cater to the greedy and ignore those bound unjustly. Amen.**

**The Gathering Prayer** adapted from *Toward Justice, 2003*

**Holy One, Creator God, God of many tribes and nations,**

**by every name you are known, you bless the earth!**

**By your spirit and imagination light the path to right relationships.**

**Break the stereotypes, banish inaction, bring justice.**

**End the long apart-ness that has twisted our souls.**

**Help us to understand each other clearly and rejoice in one another's strength;  
help us to listen to each other deeply and join in the friendship dance;  
help us guard each other's rights and walk long together in good company.  
Help us find your direction for us.**

**Give us courage, creativity, and commitment for our journey.**

**Help us keep faith with each other and so with you.**

**Holy One, Creator, God beyond tribes and nations, be with us all. Amen.**

**Hebrew Scripture** *Psalm 15* #729

**Worship Music** *Boats Sail on the River* Mark Patterson

Lyrics by Christina Rosetti Nancy Leavitt and Gwen Hill, vocalists

#### 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** *Come and Find the Quiet Center* # 575

#### The Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer (unison)** *King James Version*

**Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day, our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is  
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. 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)**

**O God of Life, take and bless and multiply these gifts. Put them to work in your  
world wherever there is need of peace, of justice, of hope. Put them to work in  
your world to care for your earth, your water, your air – all the created elements  
that sustain your children. We offer them to you as a witness to your love that  
makes our joy complete. Amen.**

**The Offering**

**The Offertory** *Precious Memories* Mansfield

\* **The Doxology** Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia! # 21

"Glory be to God on high!" Alleluia!

Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!

Night and stars in God rejoice, Alleluia!

**The Gospel Reading**                      *Luke 10:38-42*                      Kathy Barry, *Liturgist*  
**The Sermon**                      *Being Present in the Present is a Present*                      Rachel Dobbs  
\* **The Parting Hymn**                      *Be Thou My Vision*                      # 595  
\* **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** (*seated*)                      *Trumpet Tune*                      Purcell

**~ Today ~**

**Guest Minister** today is Rachel Dobbs. Rachel is a CUF Trustee and the Director of our Bodwell Hand Bell Choir. Rachel, her husband John, and daughter Nora live in Bangor and are the owners of Paddy Murphy's Irish Pub.

**Worship Music** today is provided by Nancy Leavitt and Gwen Hill. Nancy is a renowned artist, CUF member and Deacon. She works, lives and gardens in Stillwater with her husband Dave and their dog. Gwen walked in the graduation ceremony this past May and will be officially receiving her degree in Music Education this December. She is looking forward to her last year in University Singers and UMaine Renaissance and hopes to finish by participating in the performance tour of Italy which is planned for next summer! Gwen has a dog and three cats who make her life better every day.

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



**Coming Right Up!**

**FRIDAY, July 26 at 7 pm**

**Broadway and Beyond** is again coming to CUF as part of our Music with a Mission series. Come see our own **Laura Artesani** perform with **Emily Cain** and **Kelly Caufield** as they bring you an amazing night "on Broadway." Come for a wonderful evening of entertainment and support **Partners for Peace**-an organization that provides information and support to anyone affected by abuse and domestic violence throughout Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties, including the Greater Bangor Area.

**Advance tickets: \$12 at Coffee Hour today! Tickets at the door: \$15**

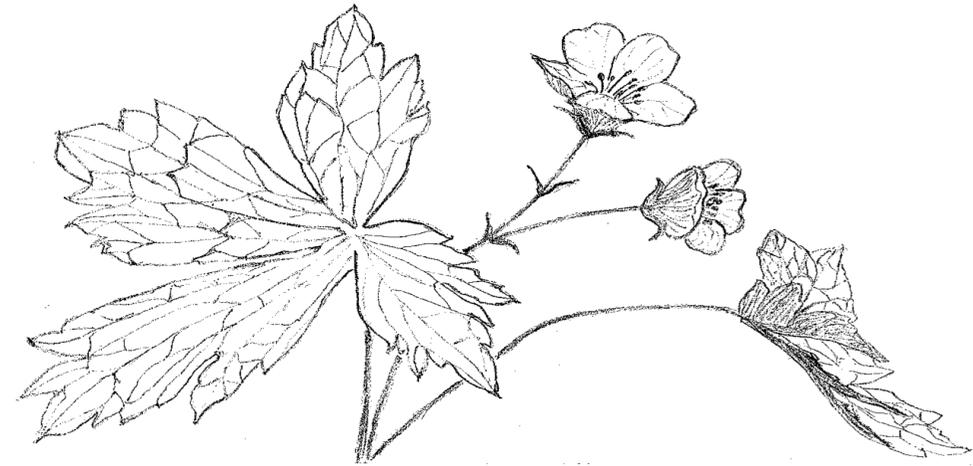
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July 21, 2019 ~ Proper 10  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

Guest Minister	Rachel Dobbs and members of the Congregation Dr. Laura Artesani
Organist	Gwen Hill and Nancy Leavitt
Worship Music	<i>Wild Geranium</i> by Beverly Antonitis
Bulletin Cover	Paul Harris
Guest Head Usher	Nancy Leavitt
Altar	Barbara Turner
Hospitality	Abby Jernigan
Sunday School Teacher	Kathy Barry
Liturgist	Alyssa Urquhart
Nursery Care	Kathy Barry and Rachel Dobbs
Offering Plate	

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