

Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy.
-Thich Nhat Hanh

Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. Mother Teresa

Find out where joy resides, and give it a voice far beyond singing. For to miss joy is to miss all.
Robert Louis Stevenson

Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

When you do things from your soul, you feel a river of joy within you. Rumi

Joy is the best makeup. Anne Lamott

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 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* arr. Sewell

The Centering Silence

* **The Gathering Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* # 25

* **The Call to Worship** Psalm 98 #750

The Gathering Prayer *Prayer of St. Augustine* #31

**Eternal God, You are the light of the minds who know you,
the joy of the hearts that love you,
and the strength of the wills that serve you.
Grant us so to know you that we may truly love you, and
so to love you that we may fully serve you,
whom to serve is perfect freedom.**

Worship Music *Galileo* Emily Saliers
Tricia Griffith, *vocalist*; Dr. Laura Artesani, *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 *My Life Flows On* # 619

The Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Traditional Translation

**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.
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 *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Purifoy

* **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 *John 15:9-17*

The Sermon *For the Sake of Joy* Rebecca Liberty

* **The Parting Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* # 2

* **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** *Postlude on “Italian Hymn”* arr. Broughton

~ Today ~

The altar arrangement today is given in memory of Steven Lindsey Porter
by the Leavitt family.

Guest Minister

Rev. Rebecca Liberty is ordained in the Lutheran church (ELCA) and served as director of the Wilson Center at UMaine last year. She lives in Bangor, where she served Redeemer Lutheran Church 2014-2018. She has also served congregations and universities in California, Nevada, and Hong Kong. She currently works as a discernment coach to help individuals and organizations through transitions, and will also be a Honors College adjunct faculty this fall.

Guest Vocalist

Tricia Griffith and her husband Thomas moved to Maine from Central New York in 2010. They adopted Orono as their new hometown a few years ago. Tricia is a licensed massage therapist with an office here in Orono. She is also a gifted artist with a degree in graphic design and creates nature themed 3D art with recycled cardboard. We are grateful that Tricia volunteers as CUF's Head Usher almost every Sunday. Tricia and Thomas share their home with three fur kids.

Morning Worship

10:00 am The Sanctuary (Nursery, Sun. School)

Coffee Hour

11:00 am The Gathering Place

Summer Plate Offering: 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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Please Save these Dates!

Monday, August 26th at 10:00 am, Celebration of Life for Margaret Radke, Sanctuary

Saturday, September 14th at 7:00 pm, Music with a Mission at CUF!

One Light Many Candles—featuring Reverend Betty Stookey and Noel Paul Stookey!

Proceeds will support the Maine Multicultural Center

Tickets \$25 advance purchase, \$30 at the door

Tickets available at the CUF office, The Store Ampersand, online at Eventbrite

Friday, September 27th at 6:00 pm, Come and celebrate Rev. Lorna Grenfell!

A potluck and much more in the CUF Vestry. Dessert and beverages provided. Please sign up on the signup sheet in the Gathering Place to bring a main dish or a salad.

Steffi is updating the Church Directory!

Please send her any changes by August 12th!

In August, the Church Office is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 2 pm

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August 4, 2019 ~ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Minister

Rebecca Liberty
and members of the Congregation

Organist
Worship Music
Bulletin Cover
Head Usher
Altar
Hospitality
Nursery Care
Offering Plate

Dr. Laura Artesani
Tricia Griffith
Heron by Beverly Antonitis
Tricia Griffith
The Leavitt Family
Irene von Hoffmann and John McCormack
Alyssa Urquhart
Irene von Hoffmann and John McCormack

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