

“The day will come when, after harnessing space, the winds, the tides and gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, we shall have discovered fire.”
Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

“O Lord, deepen my wounds into wisdom; shape my weaknesses into compassion; gentle my envy into enjoyment, my fear into trust, my guilt into honesty, my accusing fingers into tickling ones.
O God, gather me to be with you as you are with me.”
Rev. Dr. Theodore W. Loder

*Prayer Candles: Is there a person or relationship that needs a prayer?
Please come forward and light an individual prayer candle before our worship begins.*

Greeting One Another in Peace and Friendship Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude *Prelude on ‘The Turtle Dove’* Livingston
*** The Gathering Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* # 517
*** The Call to Worship**

L: This is the time to open our hearts, to welcome our God, and let love blossom.
P: **This is the time to let go of our failings and set our sights on a new tomorrow.**
L: This is the time to forget past wounds and accept the healing power of God's love.
P: **This is the time to forgo angry words and offer a gentle touch.**
L: This is the time to throw out our selfish desires and seek to become instruments of God's love in this troubled world.
All: **This is the time to welcome into our very beings the saving grace that Jesus lived and died for, the saving grace of love.**

The Gathering Prayer (*unison*)

Good and Gracious God, we come before you as seekers. We seek your presence. We seek your forgiveness. And we seek your blessings. Help us find you in this crazy mixed-up world. Help us see your presence in the amazing lengths folks will go to help another. May we find your saving grace in the love between parent and child, and in the generosity of those who so freely give of themselves and their possessions. Also help us find you in our own hearts that we might be a part of making this world a place where all your children can experience your love and abundance. Bless us, O God, that we might help spread your love and peace in our own little corners of the world. Amen

Worship Music *City Lights* Livingston Taylor
Eli McGill, *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 *Be Thou My Vision* # 595

The Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) Parker Palmer, *Quaker writer and teacher*
Heavenly Mother, heavenly Father, Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done, let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river through us, from each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days.
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come!
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy--
Forever your name is All in One. 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 *La fille aux cheveux de lin* Debussy
*** The Doxology** Isaac Watts # 21
Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!
“Glory be to God on high!” Alleluia!
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!
Night and stars in God rejoice, Alleluia!

The Scripture *Acts: 4:1-12* George Knightly, *Reader*

The Sermon *Fork in the Road* Rev. Dr. Emily Taylor

*** The Parting Hymn** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* #518

* The Benediction

* The Congregational Benediction (*unison*)

**May the Lord nurture in each of us the song of a lover,
the words of a poet, the inquisitiveness of a child,
the determination of a prophet,
and the dedication of a disciple. Go now in peace.**

*** The Postlude** *Basse et Dessus de Trompette* Clérambault

~ Today ~

The altar arrangement today is given in memory of Christiane Maile by Steffi Egenhofer.

Guest Minister

The Reverend Dr. Emily Taylor is a native of Waterville, Maine. Emily graduated with a Masters in Divinity in 2003 and a Doctorate of Ministry in 2010, both from Bangor Seminary. She is retired from her position as minister of the Union Congregational Church, UCC, Ellsworth Falls. Emily lives in Orono with her husband Joe.

Worship Music

Please welcome Eli McGill this morning as our worship vocalist. Eli is a CUF member who graduated from OHS in June and is going to Harvard in the fall. Eli sang in the OHS show choir (they were 3-time show choir state champions!).

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

CUF's Summer Schedule

August 11, 25 The Reverend Dr. Emily Taylor
August 18 The Reverend Rebecca Liberty

There will always be **Summer Sunday School for the Elementary Class** and **Nursery Care**. **Young Adults With Pizzazz (YAWP)** are encouraged to stay in worship over the summer months.

Please call Steffi Egenhofer at **356-8028** to arrange ministerial care.

Summer Plate Offering: CUF's Mission to Our Community (Open Doors)

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

Please make checks payable to The Church of Universal Fellowship.

Memo your check or mark your envelope: **Pledge** or **Open Doors**

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 mail or call-in any changes to the church office by Monday, August 12.

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

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2019

Minister	The Reverend Dr. Emily Taylor and members of the Congregation
Head Usher	Tricia Griffith
Scripture Reader	George Knightly
Bulletin Cover	Touch Me Not by Beverly Antonitis
Altar Arrangement	Steffi Egenhofer
Sunday School Teacher	Erin Ellis
Nursery	Kate Crane
Hospitality	Steffi Egenhofer
Offering Plate	Kathy Barry and Sonja Birthisel

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