

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"There is a candle in your heart, ready to be kindled. There is a void in your soul, ready to be filled. You feel it, don't you?" Rumi

"The Church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones." Henry Ward Beecher

"The planet does not need more successful people. The planet needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers, and lovers of all kinds." Dalai Lama

"I decided that the most subversive, revolutionary thing I could do was to show up for my life and not be ashamed." Ann Lamott

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 *Thanks To Thee, O Christ* arr. Hildebrand

The Centering Silence

The Introit *Shall We Gather at the River* Traditional

* **The Gathering Hymn** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* # 6

* **The Call to Worship**

L: In our day of trouble, when we are weary and our souls refuse to be comforted,

P: we will call to mind your promise of hope.

L: In our day of trouble, when the clouds pour out water, the skies thunder, and we tremble with fearful disbelief,

P: we will remind each other of your power to save.

L: In our day of trouble, when chaos and destruction surround us,

P: we will tell stories of the saints who took refuge in you.

L: In our day of trouble, when we seek rest and healing,

P: we will meditate on your mighty deeds in worship and praise. Amen.

The Gathering Prayer (*unison*)

O Holy God, be with us today as we seek your wisdom, your voice and your love. While our lives are often filled with joyous occasions, so are they at times filled with fear, desolation, hatred and disaster. Help us hear your Word through the cacophony and trauma of violence and destruction. As storms and floods devastate the lives of so many, guide our responses that we might be your hands and feet. Make of us instruments of your peace and love, filling the hearts and homes of your struggling people. Amen.

The Anthem *Beauty of the Lord* Mary Alice Amidon

The Hebrew Scripture *Deuteronomy 30:15-20* Jonathan Smith, Reader

Time for the Child in Each of Us

Sarah Marx McGill, Director of Children/Youth Ministries

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 (*seated*) *Come and Find the Quiet Center* # 575

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*)

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 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Martin

* **The Doxology** # 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 Gospel Reading *Luke 14:25-33* Irene von Hoffmann, *Liturgist*

The Sermon *The Cost of Discipleship* Rachel Dobbs

* **The Parting Hymn** *Take My Life* # 609

* **The Benediction**

* **The Congregational Benediction** (*unison*). *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** *Diapasons* Purcell

Today's Plate Offering

unmarked gifts

OPEN DOORS: CUF's mission to and for our community is to keep the church doors open to promote community-building activities and encourage positive relationships. Many local, **non-profit** groups use our beautiful facility—Girl Scouts, Orono Health Association, Euphony, Women of the World, Still Water Sangha, Operation Breaking Stereotypes--to name just a few! Relationships are formed, plans are made, lessons are learned, and community is built and nourished with love and laughter. CUF considers the cost of our open doors (heat, lights, cleaning) a benevolence gift to the greater Orono/Old Town community. Won't you help?

marked gifts (check or envelope)

PLEDGE:

Your weekly/monthly/annual commitment to the life of our church.

Hurricane Dorian Relief

In light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas, the Social Justice Team decided to change our September Benevolence to Doctors without Borders.

Doctors Without Borders

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), is an independent international group, that provides impartial medical relief to the victims of war, disease, and natural or man-made disaster, **without** regard to race, religion, or political affiliation.

The Wilson Center and 350.org will be moved to later in the year.

Please make checks payable to
The Church of Universal Fellowship.
Memo your check or mark your envelope:

Pledge or Doctors without Borders
Please put your name on envelopes!
(unmarked gifts will support Open Doors)