

One sun rose on us today, kindled over our shores,
peeking over the Smokies, greeting the faces
of the Great Lakes, spreading a simple truth
across the Great Plains, then charging across the Rockies.
One light, waking up rooftops, under each one, a story
told by our silent gestures moving behind windows.

Excerpt from "One Today", Richard Blanco, American poet, 21st c.

Your beliefs become your thoughts,
Your thoughts become your words,
Your words become your actions,
Your actions become your habits,
Your habits become your values,
Your values become your destiny.

Mahatma Gandhi, 20th c.

I believe that the real expression of your religious beliefs is shown in the daily pattern of your life,
in what you contribute to your surroundings and what you take away without infringing on the rights
of other people.

Judy Garland, 20th c.

Live your beliefs and you can turn the world around.

Henry David Thoreau, 19th c.

If there be righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there be beauty in
the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there be harmony in the home, there will be
order in the nation. If there be order in the nation, there will be peace in the world.

Confucius, 551-479 BCE

I wish I could show you, when you are lonely or in darkness, the astonishing Light of your own
Being.

Hafiz, Sufi poet, Iran, 14th c.

The temple bell stops, but I still hear the sound coming out of the flowers.

Basho, Japanese poet, 17th c.

Flowers have an expression of countenance as much as men or animals. Some seem to smile;
some have a sad expression; some are pensive and diffident; others again are plain, honest and
upright, like the broad-faced sunflower and the hollyhock.

Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman and abolitionist, 19th c.

Bread feeds the body, indeed, but flowers feed also the soul.

The Quran, 7th c.

**Your flowers! Please place your flower(s) in one of the vases at the front of
the sanctuary. If you need assistance, ask a child to help!**

Greeting One Another in Peace and Friendship Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude *Jesus Loves Me* William B. Bradbury, arr. Mike Magatagan
Children's Hand Bell Choir; Rachel Dobbs, *Director*

The Centering Silence

The Introit *Flower Carol* arr. Armidon
Senior Choir; Molly Webster, *Director*

* **The Gathering Hymn** *For Beauty of Meadows* # 696

* **The Call to Worship** from *Psalms 92*

L: O God, our children open their lives to you;

P: they portray the wonder and beauty of your spirit;

L: they are like springs of water in a parched world;

P: they flourish even when amid distortions and ugliness around them;

L: their lives are rich and productive.

P: Help us to show you, O God, this morning and always

that we take joy in our young people

and that you are here in our midst taking joy with us!

The Gathering Prayer *Caring for the Earth* # 694

The Celebration of Our Children and Youth

The Recognition of Teachers and Nurturers The CUF Children and Youth
Sarah Marx, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*
Cami Carter and Sam Kunz, *Leaders of Young Adults with Pizzazz*

The Message *To Our Children – Beliefs into Actions!*

Alyssa Urquhart Cathy Marquez Brian McGill

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**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 Offertory** *Day by Day* arr. Lani Smith  
Dr. Laura Artesani, *organ*

\* **The Doxology** # 51  
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heav'n and earth are full of thee!  
Heav'n and earth are praising thee, O God most high!**

**The Gospel Reading** *Acts 2:1-21*

## The Flower Communion

**The Consecration of the Flowers** (*unison*)

**Infinite Spirit of Life, we ask thy blessing on these, thy messengers of  
fellowship and love. May they remind us, amid diversities of knowledge and of  
gifts, to be one in desire and affection and devotion to thy holy will. May they  
also remind us of the value of companionship, of doing and sharing alike. May  
we cherish friendship as one of thy most precious gifts. May we not let  
awareness of another's talents discourage us, or sully our relationship, but may  
we realize that, whatever we can do, great or small, the efforts of all of us are  
needed to do thy work in this world. Amen.**

**The Anthem** (*insert*) *A Dazzling Bouquet* Bret Hesla  
Young Voices, Senior Choir and Congregation  
**Congregation! Please join in after the first chorus!**

**The Flower Communion**

*Please come forward quietly and reverently with a sense of how important it is for each  
of us to address our world and one another with gentleness, justice and love. Select  
and take a flower—a different flower from the one you brought—that particularly  
appeals to you.*

*As you take your chosen flower—noting its particular shape and beauty—please  
remember to handle it carefully. It is a gift someone else has brought to you. It  
represents that person's unique humanity, and therefore deserves your kindest touch.  
Let us share quietly in this ritual of oneness and love.*

*We will let our children get a flower first and return to the steps.*

**The Reading** "One Today" by Richard Blanco

\* **The Parting Hymn** (*insert*) *Draw the Circle Wide*

\* **The Benediction**

\* **The Postlude** *Fanfare and Trumpeting* David Paxton

Laura Artesani, *organ*

## Today's Plate Offering

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**Orono to Africa**

**Mozambique:**

### Medical Tuition Assistance

Former Orono school nurse Emily Wesson and her husband Dr. Peter Millard mentor and financially support medical students in Beria, **Mozambique**. One of these students is Bigiruhiriwe Rehnovat (Big). Big and his family are refugees. Our church has helped Big through his medical education, and he is beginning his last semester of Medical School.

### **Malawi:**

### Support for Women, Children, Sustainability

Marquita Hill, wife of John Hassler, a former CUF choir member, has traveled to **Malawi** – one of the poorest countries in the world—for many years using her own funds. Her efforts to help improve conditions in Malawi include: opening and supporting YWCA programs, adult literacy and health education classes, microloan programs, the building of "rocket stoves" and drinking water wells, planting trees and much more. Our church continues to help in all these endeavors!

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