

The sin of inadvertence, not being alert, not quite awake, is the sin of missing the moment of life. Live with unremitting awareness; whereas the whole of the art of the nonaction that is action (wu-wei)\* is unremitting awareness.

Joseph Campbell, 1904-1987, *The Power of Myth* (with Bill Moyers)

\**Wu wei*, a Taoist term, refers to the cultivation of a state of being in which our actions are quite effortlessly in alignment with the ebb and flow of the elemental cycles of the natural world.

It is not those who commit the least faults who are the most holy, but those who have the greatest courage, the greatest generosity, the greatest love, who make the boldest efforts to overcome themselves, and are not immoderately apprehensive of tripping. *St. Francis de Sales 17<sup>th</sup> c.*

Humility, that low sweet root, from which all heavenly virtues shoot. *Thomas More, 1477-1535*

The most important things is to actually think about what you do. To become aware and actually think about the effect of what you do on the environment and on society. That's key, and that underlies everything else. *Jane Goodall, British primatologist and anthropologist, b.1934*

Reputation is what other people know about you. Honor is what you know about yourself... The friction tends to arise when the two are not the same. *Lois McMaster Bujold (The Vorkosigan Saga) American writer, four-time winner of the Hugo Award, b. 1949*

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** *Go to Dark Gethsemane* arr. John Behnke  
Bodwell Memorial Hand Bell Choir; Rachel Dobbs, *Director*

### The Centering Silence

**Lighting the Candle of Common Good** Patti Murphy  
Our church is part of a worldwide community seeking to articulate and reaffirm the common good. We know the Holy Spirit is acting to create this kind of world. Listening and learning are sacred duties in considering the spiritual, social and relational needs of others. May we be attentive to seeing and discerning what the presence of God is doing and to follow it and add to it without fear. *The CUF Worship Team*

**The Introit** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

\* **The Gathering Hymn** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* # 709

\* **The Call to Worship** John Philip Newell, *Praying with the Earth*

L: Light within all light, Soul behind all souls,

**P: at the breaking of dawn, at the coming of day, we wait and watch.**

L: Your light within the morning light,

**P: Your soul within the human soul,**

L: Your presence beckoning to us from the heart of life.

**P: In the dawning of this day, let us know fresh shinings in our soul.**

L: In the growing colors of new beginnings all around us,

**P: let us know the first lights of our heart.**

L: Great Star of the morning, Inner Flame of the universe,

**P: let us be a color in this new dawning.**

**The Gathering Prayer (unison)** Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226  
**Our Father, each day is a little life, each night a tiny death; help us to live with faith and hope and love. Lift our duty above drudgery; let not our strength fail or the vision fade in the heat and burden of the day. O God, make us patient and pitiful one with another in the fret and jar of life, remembering that every person fights a hard fight and walks a lonely way. Forgive us, Lord, if we hurt our fellow souls; teach us a gentler tone, a sweeter charity of words, and a more healing touch. Sustain us, O God, when we must face sorrow; give us courage for the day and hope for the morrow. Day unto day may we lay hold of thy hand and look up into thy face, whatever befall, until our work is finished and the day is done. Amen.**

**Our Lenten Journey** *If God Invited You to a Party*  
*Hafiz, (Khwajeh Shams al-Din Muhammed Hafez-e Shirazi), 14th c. Persian poet*  
Barbara Turner, *reader*

**The Anthem** *The Bells of Lent* Katherine Szamko-Bowes

### 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 (seated)** *Jesu, Jesu* # 600

### The Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer** *Central America, Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*  
**O God here on earth, holy is your name. Your kingdom come--a generous land that flows with milk and honey. Let us do your will--standing up when all are sitting down and raising our voice when all are silent. Give us daily bread in the song of the bird and the miracle of the corn. Forgive us for keeping silent in the face of injustice, for burying our dreams, for not sharing bread, water, love and the land among all people, now. Let us not fall into the temptation of shutting the door through fear; of resigning people to hunger and injustice; of taking up the same arms as the enemy. Deliver us from evil. Give us the perseverance to look for love, even if the path has not yet been trodden, even if we fall, so that we shall know your reign being built here forever and ever. 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)**  
**God, whose giving knows no ending, transform our love into thought, our thought into concern, our concern into action, and thus bring us closer to you and make our very lives a daily witness to your love. Amen.**

**The Offering and The Offertory** *Gethsemane Hymn* Keith Getty/Stuart Townend  
Mark Baker, *piano*

\* **The Doxology** # 715  
**All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother, to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other, the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore, for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

**The Gospel Lesson** *Luke 13:1-9* Alyssa Urquhart, *Liturgist*

**The Sermon** *Achingly Human* Reverend Grenfell

\* **The Parting Hymn** *O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines* # 711

### \* The Benediction

\* **The Choral Benediction** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* # 602, v 4  
**In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way; in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.**

\* **The Postlude** *English Voluntary VIII* John Stanley  
Mark Baker, *organ*

## Today's Plate Offering

**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 – Orono Health Association, Euphony, Women of the World, Still Water Sangha, Operation Breaking Stereotypes, True North Theater, American Field Service, Children's International Summer Villages – 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 some of the cost of our Open Doors (heat, lights, cleaning) a benevolence gift to the greater Orono/Old Town community.

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