

When plunder becomes a way of life for a group of men in society, over the course of time they create for themselves a legal system that authorizes it and a moral code that glorifies it.

*Frederic Bastiat, French economist, d. 1850*

A woman is like a tea bag. You can't tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water.

*Eleanor Roosevelt, American politician, diplomat and activist, 20<sup>th</sup> c.*

Life shrinks or expands in proportion with one's courage.

*Anais Nin, Cuban-American essayist and memoirist, 20<sup>th</sup> c.*

The emerging woman will be strong-minded, strong-hearted, strong-souled, and strong-bodied ...strength and beauty must go together. *Louisa May Alcott, American novelist and poet, 19<sup>th</sup> c.*

You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be *necessary* to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it. *Maya Angelou, American author, poet and civil rights activist, 21<sup>st</sup> c.*

There was nothing I wouldn't do, no matter how dirty or hard.

*Lilly Ledbetter, equal-pay advocate and inspiration for Lilly Ledbetter Fair Play Act of 2009*

The question isn't who's going to let me; it's who's going to stop me.

*Ayn Rand, Russian-American novelist, philosopher, playwright and screenwriter, 20<sup>th</sup> c.*

Expect nothing. Live frugally on surprise. *Alice Walker, American author, poet, activist, 21<sup>st</sup> c.*

We like strong women here.

*"Tom Branson", season finale of Downton Abbey by Julian Fellowes, 21<sup>st</sup> c.*

Dive deeply into the miracle of life and let the tips of your wings be burnt by the flame, let your feet be lacerated by the thorns, let your heart be stirred by human emotion, and let your soul be lifted beyond the earth. *Vilayat Inayat Khan 1916-2004, Call of the Dervish*

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** *Fantasia on 'Forest Green'* Smith

### The Centering Silence

**Lighting the Candle of Common Good** Judy Whitney  
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** *In the Bulb There is a Flower* Natalie Sleeth

**The Gathering Hymn** *We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God* # 64

\* **The Call to Worship** *Carmina Gadelica, 1900, A. Carmichael, ed. from the prayers of St. Patrick*

L: God to enfold me, God to surround me,  
**P: God in my speaking, God in my thinking,**  
L: God in my sleeping, God in my waking,  
**P: God in my watching, God in my hoping,**  
L: God in my life, God in my lips,  
**P: God in my soul, God in my heart,**  
L: God in my sufficing, God in my slumber,  
**P: God in mine ever-living soul, God in my eternity.**  
**Come, let us be together in God.**

**The Gathering Prayer (unison)** *God's Love for All People* # 682

**The Hebrew Scripture** *Psalms 126*

**Our Lenten Journey** *Wild Geese*

by Mary Oliver  
Rachel Dobbs, reader

**The Anthem** *What Does the Lord Require?* Eric Nelson

**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.  
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**The Prayer Hymn (seated)** *Woman in the Night* # 188

**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** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Martin  
\* **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** *John 12:1-8* Jonathan Smith, *Liturgist*

**The Sermon** *Wordless Messages* Reverend Grenfell

\* **The Parting Hymn** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* # 180

\* **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** *Trumpet Tune* Purcell

## Today's Plate Offering

marked gifts  
(check or envelope)

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or

Partners for Peace  
(formerly Spruce Run)

Partners for Peace is a private, non-profit organization in Bangor dedicated to serving people affected by domestic abuse and working to end personal, institutional, and cultural violence. Partners for Peace offers support, feedback and information about options, with the firm belief in a person's right to make their own decisions and act on their own behalf. Partners for Peace offers shelter, support groups, education, children's services, and training for members of the community on dealing with domestic abuse.

or

Bangor Area Homeless Shelter

The mission of BAHS is to provide emergency shelter and supportive services to the homeless and economically disadvantaged of the Bangor area. The facility is open 24/7 providing both overnight shelter as well as a Day Program. It serves both homeless adults and other low-income members of our community. The BAHS's primary purpose is to offer a form of crisis stabilization and then develop a support system to enable people to move beyond homelessness.

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