

If you want to speak to God, tell it to the wind.

African Proverb, Ghana

Let the winds of the heavens dance between you.

Kahlil Gibran, Lebanese-American poet, d. 1931

The days we live rush by, filled with mundane moments and routines. It's easy to forget what power we have to change the lives of others, and the influence those we admire have on us. What those people say to us, one on one, how we observe them live their lives, can make all the difference in nurturing our talents and passions, and empowering us to follow our dreams....

At any given moment, someone is looking up to you, following your example, and taking your words to heart. Every day, you have the power to lift that person up. The value of our lives doesn't come from our degrees, the money we earn, or the size of our house. It comes from using the influence we have for good, in lifting others up so that they can do the same.

*Dr. Sandra Caron, 2019 Distinguished Maine Professor
University of Maine 2019 Commencement Speech*

Unless the eye catch fire, God will not be seen.

Unless the ear catch fire, God will not be heard.

Unless the tongue catch fire, God will not be named.

Unless the Heart catch fire, God will not be loved.

Unless the mind catch fire, God will not be known.

William Blake, 1757-1827, English artist and poet

Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

Howard Thurman, African-American philosopher, theologian, educator, d. 1981

Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet.

N.T. Wright, retired Anglican Bishop, 21st c.

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 *This Is My Father's World*

adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, arr. by Bill Ingram
Bodwell Memorial Bell Choir; Rachel Dobbs, *Director*

The Centering Silence

The Introit *We Gather Together* Dutch Melody, arr. Edward Kemser
Senior Choir and Euphony; Francis John Vogt, *Director*

* **The Gathering Hymn** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* # 725

* **The Call to Worship (insert)** *1944 Liturgy of Rededication*
Brian McGill, *President, Board of Trustees*
Ed Brazee, *Chair, Board of Deacons*

The Gathering Prayer *Litany of the Spirit* # 246

The Anthem *O God of Every Shining Constellation* S. C. McBurney
Senior Choir and Euphony; Fran Vogt, *Director*

The Touchstone and Receiving of New Members (insert)

A Time for the Child in Each of Us *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* # 261

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) *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow* # 236

The Silent Prayer and The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison) Barbara Turner, *CUF Communications/Resources*

O God, within and all around us,

May your many names be revered throughout the universe.

**May all creation work with you to establish your dream of
justice, peace and compassion everywhere.**

May we all have what we need for today.

**May we be forgiven for missing the mark, and may we forgive
our fellow human beings for being fallible.**

**Give us strength for times of trial and temptation and free us
from what is evil in our lives,
for you are all-encompassing wonder, light, and glory. 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) J. P. Newell (*adapted*)

**O God, we are grateful for the gift of this day, for the gift of this moment,
for the gift of time and eternity bound together. May we be attentive
to sacred hopes and longings that have never before happened,
to visions of earth's peace and prosperity, and
to opportunities to be a part of your great luminous web of All That Is. Amen.**

The Offering and The Offertory *Use These Gifts* Words and Music by R. Turner
Bob Turner, *vocal*; Laura Artesani, *piano*

* **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 Lesson *Acts 2:1-21* Barbara Turner, *Liturgist*

The Message Reverend Grenfell

Euphony *A Clear Midnight*
text Walt Whitman 1819-1892; music Vincent Persichetti
Euphony; Francis John Vogt, *Director*

This is the hour O Soul, thy free flight into the wordless,
Away from books, away from art, the day erased, the lesson done,
Thee fully forth emerging, silent, gazing, pondering the themes thou lovest best,
Night, sleep, death and the stars.

* **The Parting Hymn** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* # 265

* **The Benediction**

* **The Choral Benediction** # 684, vs 3
**God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want and fear, life's goodness celebrating.
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.**

* **The Postlude** *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

**Right here! Right now!
Picnic on the front lawn! Everyone is welcome!**

Today's Plate Offering

marked gifts

PLEDGE or

Orono to Africa

*Please help Cyclone Idai
recovery efforts.*

Malawi

Support for Women, Children, and Sustainability Projects

This area suffered from Cyclone Idai in March. 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 and church donations. 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, planned parenthood and much more. Our church continues to help in all these endeavors!

Mozambique

Medical Education 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 and this area, too, has suffered through a tremendous cyclone disaster. Our church has helped Big through his medical education, and he is beginning his residency.

Along with your ticket support for CUF's

Annual Church Picnic TODAY

please make checks payable to:

The Church of Universal Fellowship.

**Memo your check or mark your
envelope:**

Pledge or Orono to Africa

(unmarked gifts will support Open Doors)

April Benevolences:

Partners for Peace \$243

Bangor Area Homeless Shelter \$190

Thank You!