

Let it go my love my truest, Let it sail on silver wings, Life's a twinkling that's for certain, But it's such a fine thing. There's a gathering of spirits, There's a festival of friends, And we'll take up where we left off, When we all meet again just east of Eden, But there's heaven in our midst, And we're never really all that far, From those we love and miss Wade out in the water, There's a glory all around, And the wisest say there's a thousand ways to kneel and kiss the ground.

adapted from Carrie Newcomer, 'The

Gathering of Spirits'

Being lost is worth the being found.
Neil Diamond

I have never been lost, but I will admit to being confused for several weeks.
Daniel Boone

Getting found almost always means being lost for a while.
Ann Lamott

*Prayer Candles: Is there a person or relationship that needs a prayer?
Please come forward and light a prayer candle before our worship begins.*

Greeting One Another in Peace and Friendship Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude *Prelude in F major*
Calkins

The Centering Silence

The Introit *Shall We Gather at the River*
Traditional

* **The Gathering Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
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* **The Call to Worship** *Names of God Litany*
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The Gathering Prayer (*unison*) adapted
from Joan Stott

Generous God and Giver of all things, we rest in your loving and tender care; and we are revived, restored and renewed by your strength and encouragement. You go before us in life, leading us in pathways that are secure without the confusion of becoming lost, aware only that we always need to follow you; and so we trust in your guidance and wisdom. As human beings, we know there will be times of stress, when our body or mind lets us down; we know there will be dark times too, when life seems to be nothing but struggle; and it is in those times especially, that we rely on your Presence deep within us to guide and bless us. Grace-Giving God, you provide us with the

tools we need for the tasks we face. You have promised that your unfailing love will stay with us always, and for this, we give you our thanks. Amen.

Psalm 23: (response 1)
#734

The Anthem *The Silver Rain* Marianne Zimmerman, arr.
Peter Amidon

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.

A Time to Remember Dennis Mann (*insert*)

The Prayer Hymn (*seated*) *In the Bulb there Is a Flower*
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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 *Deep River*
Smith

* **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 15:1-10* John
McCormack, *Liturgist*

The Sermon *Finding What We Lost*
Rachel Dobbs

* **The Parting Hymn** *In The Garden*
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* **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** *Gavotte*
Camidge

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.

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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)***