

There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning.
Louis L'Amour

I was taught that by believing in others, we give them the gift of knowing how to believe in someone else. We break through the cacophony of criticism and fear, of heartache and insults, of the masks we are all forced to wear, and we remind each other that we are all special and that our talents are unlimited.

Leon Logothetis *The Kindness Diaries*

It may not be too much to claim that the future of our world will depend on how we deal with identity and difference.
Miroslav Volf

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 on *The Turtle Dove* Livingston

The Centering Silence

The Introit *Gather Us In* Marty Haugen

* **The Gathering Hymn** *In Christ There Is No East or West* #687

* **The Call to Worship**

L. Let us celebrate this church that calls us to worship together as God's people.

P. Let us celebrate this church that wraps us in the good news that someone cares.

L. Let us celebrate this church where candles of hope are lit in the darkest of times.

P. Let us celebrate this church where the love of Christ is bestowed upon one and all.

L. Let us celebrate this church where young and old are welcomed as valuable and unique.

All. Let us celebrate this church that opens its doors to those who may be struggling, opens its arms to embrace the stranger, and opens its heart to all who choose to worship among us.

The Gathering Prayer (unison)

Merciful God we come before you in awe. Your loving arms are there to embrace all of us who choose to worship in this space, Your space.

We pray that in this place the meek will find strength, the discouraged will find hope, and the lost will find a home. May each of us be an ambassador of your love and good will. When there are those who are lonely, may we offer companionship. When there are those who are afraid, may we provide comfort and promise. When there are those who are hurting, may we soothe their wounds. Bless us, O God, that we might be ambassadors of your peace and love. Amen

The Anthem *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* Peter Amidon

A Time for the Child in Each of Us Connie Carter

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 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #73

The Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, 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*)

So much justice yet to be established; so much pain yet to be healed.

So much peace yet to be realized; so much love yet to pour forth.

Accept, O God, the fruits of our labor. Amen

The Offertory *Me and the Sky* from "Come From Away" Sankoff/Hein
Emily Cain, *vocalist*

This song is about Beverley Bass, the first female captain for American Airlines, who was forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

* **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 *Philippians 4 : 4-7*

The Sermon *Welcoming Is...* Connie Carter

Prayer from "Come from Away" by Irene Sankoff and David Hein

* **The Parting Hymn** *They'll Know We Are Christians* #494

* **The Benediction**

* **The Congregational Benediction** (*unison*). #677

**May the Lord nurture in each of us the song of a lover,
the words of a poet, the questions of a child
the determination of a prophet and the dedication of a disciple.**

Go now in peace.

* **The Postlude** *Postlude on Italian Hymn* Broughton



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.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The CUF Social Justice Team will again deliver Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families in our area on the afternoon of **Sunday, November 17th.**

The Baskets will include a Thanksgiving dinner and will be supplemented with extra food collected by ASA Adams Elementary School.

Our October plate offerings cover the cost of the Baskets each year. Please place checks or cash envelopes in the Offering Plate marked "Thanksgiving Baskets".

**Please make checks payable to
The Church of Universal Fellowship.
Memo your check or envelopes**

Pledge or Baskets

**Please put your name on envelopes.
(unmarked gifts will support "Open Doors")**