

“The simple gifts we take into our bodies at Christ’s table are sustenance for living eucharistically in the world: for practicing the kind of hospitality Jesus practiced when he fed hungry followers and ate with all the wrong people.”

Debra Dean Murphy

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.

Please note our worship service is recorded and shared publicly online.

Greeting One Another in Peace and Friendship

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude *I Am the Bread of Life* Toolan

The Centering Silence

The Introit *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* William Moore

***The Gathering Hymn** *Gather Us In* #284

*** The Call to Worship** Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer

L: We gather together in the Spirit of Jesus

P: The lover of enemies, who welcomed the stranger

L: Who dined with outcasts, and healed the sick

P: Who challenged the powerful, and called for compassion

L: Who showed us God is Love

P: We gather here in the Spirit of Jesus

L: Grateful for abundance, hospitality, and joy

P: To know God’s presence among and through us, even now

*** The Gathering Prayer** (*unison*)

Heart of Mercy, open our hearts to your way. Surround the prayer of our lives, our hunger and our song, with your cosmic celebration.

Hear what is unspoken, and heal what is broken. At the feast of your table, sustain us, forgive us, prepare us, and transform us to be people of your heart. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 15:32-39 Rev. Malcolm Himschoot

A Time for the Child in Each of Us

Welcoming *Go My Children with My Blessing* #431 v. 1

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Sending

#431 v. 2

Go my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

The Anthem *Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether* Harold Friedell

The Prayer Hymn (*seated*) *Break Thou the Bread of Life* #321

The Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be.**

Father and Mother of us all.

Loving God, in whom is heaven.

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

The Congregational Response #34 Taize Community

Gloria, gloria - In excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria - Alleluia, alleluia

The Offering Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Generous God, you have already given us all that we need.

**Thank you that we can return a portion of your gifts to you,
in this place, for your eternal realm. Amen!**

The Offering and The Offertory *Behold A Host* Grieg

***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 Sermon *What about the leftovers?* Rev. Mariah Hayden

Communion Please see insert

Postlude *Fanfare and Trumpeting* Paxton

February Plate Offering

Please mark gifts (*check or envelope*)

PLEDGE:

**Your weekly/monthly/annual
commitment
to the life of our church.**

COMMUNITY BENEVOLENCE:

*The Greater Bangor Area
Branch NAACP*

This organization is the co-sponsor of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Breakfast Celebration at the University of Maine. The Bangor Branch of the NAACP meets on a regular basis and hosts special programs on issues of concern to the civil rights community. It offers confidential support to individuals who face acts of racial discrimination. The Branch has no paid staff and is run entirely by volunteers. It is the only Branch of the NAACP in the entire northern half of Maine.

The Southern Poverty Law Center

This organization was founded in 1971 to ensure that the promise of the civil rights movement became a reality for all. The SPLC has a three-pronged strategy to battle racial and social injustice:

Fighting hate: The SPLC monitors hate groups and other extremists throughout the U.S. and exposes their activities to law enforcement agencies, the media and the public.

Teaching tolerance: The SPLC’s Teaching Tolerance project combats prejudice among our nation’s youth while promoting equality, inclusiveness and equitable learning environments in the classroom. All materials are free of charge to educators.

Seeking justice: The SPLC stands up for the powerless, the exploited and other victims of discrimination and hate.

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“Pledge” or “SPLC” or “NAACP”

**Unmarked gifts will support
Open Doors**

Valentine’s Dinner Income

benefits CUF -- \$500!

**Thank you to Stephen Cousineau
and our children and youth!**