

I think it pisses God off if you walk by the color purple in a field somewhere and don't notice it. - Alice Walker

Churches are good for prayer, but so are garages and cars and mountains and showers and dance floors. - Anne Lamott

And with this insight he also showed me a little thing, the size of a hazelnut, lying in the palm of my hand. It seemed to me as round as a ball. I gazed at it and thought, 'What can this be?' The answer came thus, 'It is everything that is made.' I marveled how this could be, for it was so small it seemed it might fall suddenly into nothingness. Then I heard the answer, 'It lasts, and ever shall last, because God loves it. All things have their being in this way, by the grace of God.' -Julian of Norwich, (Revelations of Divine Love, Chapter V)

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 *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* Livingston

The Centering Silence

The Introit *Holy, Holy, Holy!* John B. Dykes

The Gathering Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* #61

*** The Call to Worship**

L: How majestic is God's name in all the earth!

We see God's glory in the expanse of the heavens.

P: All plants and animals are God's creation.

All that God has made reflects God's goodness.

L: We are created in God's image, to relate to God.

We receive great abundance and care from our Creator.

P: God blesses us day by day with good things.

We are given a place in the works of God.

The Gathering Prayer (*unison*) Kaitlin B. Curtice

Jesus, I think we've gotten it wrong again and again because we say we know how and where and when to find rest and truth and peace. But then, you surprise us again. You say, "No, not there." "It's over here, and it's waiting for you." And then, if we get the chance to open our eyes and see it, we understand that all this light is found where you are, everywhere and anywhere and in all those hidden places in between. And I think how lucky we must be to have someone who loves us so much, who is so full of surprises and goodness. Thank you for righting our wrong, for showing up where we didn't know you could. Amen.

The Anthem *The Lord's Prayer* David Haas

The Reading of a Poem "Litany" by Maine Poet Laureate Stuart Kestenbaum
Nancy Leavitt, *reader*

A Time for the Child in Each of Us (*seated*). Rev. Mariah Hayden #437

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you

Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

The Prayer Hymn (*seated*) *Bring Many Names* #10

The Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) from Matthew

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one.

The Congregational Response 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, it is your glory that awakens us, and to be awake to your glory is to be fully alive. Help us live into the purposes for which we are made. Help us find and give fully the gifts that are within us, and in so doing, bring glory to you.

The Offering and The Offertory *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove* Broughton

***The Doxology** # 56

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. Amen.

The Scripture *Proverbs 8:22-31* John McCormack

The Sermon "The 'Good Lord Above' Is All Around" Rev. Malcolm Himschoot

*** The Parting Hymn** *God of Grace and God of Glory* #464

The Benediction

*** The Congregational Benediction** (*unison*) #31 (*Augustine*)

Eternal God, you are the light of the minds that know you, the joy of the hearts that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you. Grant us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom. Amen.

Postlude *Fantasia on 'Kingsfold'* Paxton

March Plate Offering

Please mark gifts (*check or envelope*)

PLEDGE:

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

COMMUNITY BENEVOLENCE:

CUF 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 – Orono Health Association, Orono Senior College, Euphony, Women of the World, Still Water Sangha, Operation Breaking Stereotypes, True North Theater, Orono Bog-Walk Committee, Children's International Summer Villages – 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 some of the cost of our Open Doors (heat, lights, cleaning) a benevolence gift to the greater Orono/Old Town community.

Please make checks payable to CUF

Memo your check/mark envelope:

"Pledge" or "Open Doors"

**Unmarked gifts will support
Open Doors**

February Benevolences:

Southern Poverty Law Center	\$163
NAACP	\$ 90

Thank you!