

Welcome to the Church of Universal Fellowship, a house for all people.  
We welcome persons of every age, background, circumstance, ethnicity,  
family configuration, gender identity, and sexual orientation.  
We believe that diversity enriches our faith community and that each of us  
has a right and responsibility to support one another  
as we search for the divine by living, learning, and growing.

Wabanaki Land Acknowledgement Statement  
*The Church of Universal Fellowship recognizes that it is located  
on the unceded lands of the Penobscot Nation. This homeland is connected to the other  
Wabanaki Tribal Nations – Abenaki, Micmac, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy – through  
kinship, alliances, and diplomacy. We commit to ongoing advocacy for the sovereignty and  
preservation of these nations' rights and freedom and to align ourselves  
with ongoing concerns, opportunities and legislative priorities.*

*Please keep your flowers with you until the ushers collect them.*

**The Prelude** *Instrumental Medley of Hymns*  
Matt Powers and Jasper McGill

*Greeting One Another in Peace and Friendship  
Welcome and Announcements*

\* **The Gathering Hymn (Insert)** *Part of the Family*

\* **The Opening Prayer (Unison)** #694

**We call upon one God, one Source of all life, one Ground of the whole earth, with all its creatures.**

**We believe in the goodness of earth's life, in the innate worth of all its dependents, in human partnership in the life of nature.**

**We trust that in Christ we have been shown the special role of the human race to bear God's likeness in working and caring for the earth, in seeking to understand its mysteries and powers for the well-being of all children of the earth.**

**We pray that God's Spirit will lead us to sensitive closeness with earth's life, to that meek, unselfish and compassionate life-style by which the earth is inherited in peace, by which its life is transformed for all creatures to share justly in its bounty.  
So be it. Amen.**

**Children's Time** Sarah Marx-McGill, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

**Naming of CUF Teachers and Nurturers** (bulletin flap)  
*We are so very grateful for you all!*

**Song** *A Dazzling Bouquet* by Bret Hesla  
Matt Powers, Jasper McGill, Sonja Birthisel, *Music*  
Sarah Marx-McGill, *leading dancers*

**Refrain:**

**Mine is the church where everybody's welcome  
I know it's true, 'cause I got through the door  
We are a dazzling bouquet of every kind of flower  
Jump in the vase, 'cause we've got space for more.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Malcolm Himschoot

**Lord's Prayer**

by Jean Crane

***O Mystery who dwells within—All in All,  
In you we live and move and have our being.  
Wholeness is your name—  
Your kingdom is here and now.  
Give us this day our daily bread—  
and help us let go of all grievances—as we  
extend our love to others.  
Lead us not into illusions of separation—  
as you help us transcend our ego thoughts.  
Surround us with your healing light—for you  
are eternal truth and love.  
Forever. Amen.***

**Invitation to Offering and Collection of Flowers**

**Dedication Prayer**

**Eternal One, Mystery of abundance and every good gift, hear us as we pray with words, with actions, and with contribution of resources. Bless and use our gifts toward justice and wholeness, well-being for all, diversity, equity, and inclusion. As you transform us, restore and repair our community. Amen.**

**The Scripture** *Mark 3:31-35* Rose Sunderland-McKay, *Liturgist*

**The Sermon** Rev. Mariah Hayden

**The Flower Communion**

**Song (Insert)** *Our God Has Made This World*

**Unison Affirmation** by John Denver

**We believe it is here we must begin  
To seek the wisdom of children,  
And the graceful way of flowers in the wind.  
For the children and the flowers are my sisters and my brothers.  
Their laughter and their loveliness could clear a cloudy day.  
Like music of the mountains and the colors of the rainbow  
They're a promise of the future and a blessing for today.**

**YAWPers Rite of Passage**

Introductory remarks – Sonja Birthisel, *YAWP Leader*  
*New YAWPers join existing YAWPers up front*  
*Presentation of gifts and bibles*

**New Members Liturgy**

Rev. Mariah Hayden, New CUF Members,  
Kathy Barry, Member of the Board of Trustees,  
Rev. Emily Taylor, Member of the Board of Deacons

Pledges and gifts:  
[www.opencuf.org/Donate](http://www.opencuf.org/Donate)

**June: Local Benevolence  
Health Equity Alliance**

Health Equity Alliance (HEAL) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization providing direct service and advocacy with and on behalf of people in Maine who live with HIV, people who use drugs, and our LGBTQ+ community.

Health Equity Alliance envisions a world where all people are valued and celebrated, and health disparities such as HIV, Hepatitis C, AIDS-related deaths, and overdose deaths are nonexistent.

By facilitating collaboration, education, advocacy, and action, HEAL helps empower marginalized communities to improve their health and well-being, and affect social and cultural change.

Today Health Equity Alliance works closely with marginalized communities throughout Maine through programs advancing the health and well-being of people living with HIV, people who use drugs, the LGBTQ+ community, and others. Our work includes individual-direct service programs, capacity building and technical assistance initiatives intended to foster more affirming services and practices, efforts to build community and relational power, and the advancement of public policy priorities that will have a real and lasting impact upon the lives of marginalized Mainers.

Please also visit the website of the  
**National LGBTQ Taskforce:**  
<https://www.thetaskforce.org>

Please make checks payable to **CUF**  
**Memo your check or mark your envelope:**  
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**May Benevolence Donations Received**

Shaw House \$457.50  
Hope House \$477.50  
Thank You!