

## Gather

**PRELUDE** *Song to Lotta* [Jan Sandström]

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** The Rev. Alex Shea Will

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Based on Reinhold Niebuhr's "Serenity Prayer"

God we call on you today to extend your grace.

**Teach us to accept with serenity the things we cannot change.**

We look to you to extend your courage.

**Show us how to change the things which should be changed.**

We long for your discerning wisdom.

**Help us distinguish the one from the other.**

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (Red #267)

**OPENING PRAYER** The Rev. Dana Allen Walsh

**GATHERING SONG** *I've Got Peace Like A River* (#368 Red)

**I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,**

**I've got peace like a river in my soul. (2x)**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,**

**I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (2x)**

*Children (Pre-K & older) are invited to attend Church School*

## Center

**MUSICAL OFFERING** *Finally Home* [David Lantz III]

**SCRIPTURE** Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 (O.T. p.478) Dave VanArsdale

For everything there is a season,

and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

**SERMON** **ACCEPTANCE: A Pillar of Joy** Alex Shea Will

**MEDITATION** *Andante Tranquillo* [Ralph Vaughan Williams]

## Share

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS** Dana Allen Walsh

*You are invited to share your prayer requests with the congregation; both joys and concerns, blessings and worries. If you are new, or feel new, we also invite you to introduce yourself. As a community, we seek to hold each other in the light of God's love.*

**SONG OF PRAYER** *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

**Hear our prayer, O Lord,**

**hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline your ear to us,**

**and grant us your peace.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into**

**temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the**

**kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS IN THANKSGIVING

**INVITATION** Alex Shea Will

*Today's loose offerings will be donated to Neighbors In Need*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** (#592 Red)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,**

**Praise God, all creatures here below,**

**Praise God above, ye heav'nly host,**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Dave VanArsdale

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing* (#538 Red)

## Bless

**\*BENEDICTION** Alex Shea Will

**POSTLUDE** *O God, Beyond All Praising* [Gustav Holst]

### FLOWERS

The flowers are given in celebration of C. K. Tien's 90th birthday and with gratitude for the lives of **Capt. William Walker Busby, MC,** **Rev. Charles E. Busby** and his wife **Norah Mellor Thompson.**

The flowers are also given in loving memory of **Marie Darnell** by her granddaughter, Lindsay King.

### PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICES

**Acolyte:** Sarah Beers / **Assistant Treasurers:** Amie Hellauer, Amy Joyall, Carolyn Parker, Karen Perkins, Dot Tyler / **Deacons:** Barbara Holbrook, Kath Mason, Dave VanArsdale / **Fellowship:** Martha Beesley, David Strong / **Flower Arranger:** Susan Johnston / **Flower Deliverers:** Steve Longo, Kath Mason / **Greeters:** Janis & Ron Hill / **Head Usher:** Margaret Crockett / **Sound:** Tom Appleton / **Trustee:** Seth Holden / **Sanctuary Choir** / **Musician:** Brian Diehl, trombone

### PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

All Members are Ministers / Dana Allen Walsh, Senior Pastor / Alex Shea Will, Associate Pastor / Sherry Tupper, Minister of Visitation / Jennifer Murray, Minister of Youth & Families / Cathy Meyer, Minister of Music / Linda Francalancia Hacker, Administrator / Joanne Smith, Financial Administrator / Nora Pelt, Communications Administrator / Andy Brien, Facilities Manager

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*All who are able, please stand.*

*The South Church Steeple is lighted in November  
with love and gratitude for the life of  
Capt. William Walter Busby, MC  
by Evonne Yang and Thomas Arnold  
and in loving memory of  
Stuart B. Clough  
by his wife Anne & their children  
and in loving honor of  
Marilyn E. Cronin & Charles A. Cronin, Jr.  
by their family*

## Pray without ceasing...

[Thessalonians 5:17]

**IN HOSPICE CARE** Tom Carey (Piekarski family friend)

**RECOVERING** Ellen VanArsdale, Terry Ebner, Catherine Kane (John Riley's friend), Ken Cyr (Julia Rutherford's father-in-law), Stu Slater

### HOPE & HEALING

**Scott Turner** (Allison Osgood's brother), Susan Dobbie & grandsons Dylan & Cole (Kate Smyers' friends), Mary Jay Hudak, Mary McGrath (Martin McGrath's mother), Kathleen Martin (Eileen Fogue's mother), Mary Carey (Piekarski family friend), Maureen Healey (Brian Healey's mother), Kelly Nelson (Scott Hoenig's cousin), Michael Hemmer (Anne Hemmer's brother), Sandra Flaig (Shad Flaig's mother), Susan McCullough & Alice O'Hara (Piekarski family's relatives), Betsy (Heather Saniuk's friend), Jeff Cutts, Kristy Riley Moulton, (Blech family friend), Greg Quick (Sally Baker Quick's brother), Paul Bursey, (Alicia Bursey's father), Nancy Esposito (Terri Guenard's friend), JP, Catherine, Grace & Fiona Ryan (Robin Flaig's friends), Renee Rich, (Shirley Stratton's friend), Donna & Jeff Donohue & family (Susan Sleight's friends), Ann O'Connell (Deanna Atchison's friend), Daniella Bernd (Shirley Stratton's friend), Joe Marchlewski, Chris Wikoff (Marna Moorhead's friends), Kathy Dann & extended family, Joan Butler (Lauren Stone's mother), Anne Pease

### UNDERGOING CANCER THERAPY

**Carolyn Tower**, Mary Ellen Fillback (Ann Riley's mother), Carl Kellerer (Kathleen Curry's uncle), Kelli Engler (Kath Mason's friend), Vanessa Dyer (Heather Harris' sister), Anne Hemmer, Max Littlefield (Joyall family relative), Mary Ferguson (Kelly Ferguson Pace's sister), Keith Anderson (Mark VanDoren's friend), Glenn Green (Peter & Deb White's son-in-law), Donna Moberg (Carol Floreen's sister-in-law), Laurie Adami (former member), Becky Jordan Hull (Tom Jordan's sister), Barb Beechner (Barbara Collins' sister-in-law), Douglas Pratt (Marianne Knowles' brother), Barbara Sutton, (Shirley Stratton's sister), Jolice Sellers (Liss Seller's mother-in-law), Johanna Lunger (Stacy Lunger's mother-in-law), Mark Alpert (Courtney Rogers' friend), Annie Hudak (Jay Hudak's daughter), Jennifer Mancuso (Terri Guenard's friend), Ray Simard (Lysanne LaPierre's uncle), Joey Ranney (Kathleen Ranney's nephew), Kim Scartelli (Lisa Guy's friend), Barbara Rizzo (Norma Morava's friend), Joe (Brenda Bryan's friend), Helen Wikoff, Noelle DeLahoz (Marna Moorhead's friends), Tish Barry (Sue Barry's sister-in-law), Claire DeRosa (Irene Lattanzio's sister), Greg (Deanna Atchison's friend)

### IN NURSING HOMES OR ASSISTED LIVING

**Academy Manor:** Allison Atwood; **Avita (Newburyport):** Anne Clough; **Marland Place:** Mary Hamilton, Gwen VerPlanck; **Edgewood Gardenview:** Ralph Crossan; **Prescott House:** Carlene Darby; **River Ridge, Kennebunk, ME:** Jennifer Tupper Pedneault; **Sunrise (Burlington):** Phyllis Holmes; **Yarmouth, ME:** John Knowles (Jim Knowles' father)

### SERVICE PERSONNEL

Andrew Santoro (Serena Santoro Manning's son), Torrey Benware (Courtney Rogers' cousin)

### ALSO

People in need or in crisis, both known and unknown to us.

  
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An Open & Affirming Congregation  
of the United Church of Christ



**Sunday November 11, 2018**

**10:30 a.m.**

### TODAY'S EVENTS

**Faith Forum:** 9:15am—Library

**Worship Music Rehearsal:** 9:15am—Sanctuary

**Drop-in Prayer:** 11:45am—Parlor

**Musical Showcase:** 2:30pm—Sanctuary

**M.S. Youth Mission Trip:** Rangeley, ME

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**PFLAG-Support for Parents of Trans Kids:** Tuesday Nov. 13, 7pm

**Youth Mix-it-Up Fundraiser:** Saturday November 17, 5pm

**Parent (7th/8th graders) Owl Info Mtg.:** Sunday, Nov. 18, 12pm

**Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship:** Sunday November 18, 5pm

**Hanging of the Greens:** Sunday November 25, 12pm

**Hand to Hand Craft Fair:** Saturday December 1, 9:30am—2pm

**Advent Wreath Making:** Sunday December 2, 9am

**Pick-Up Choir:** Sunday December 2, 9:15am

**Advent Brunch:** Sunday December 9, during Fellowship Hour

**Blue Christmas Worship:** Tuesday December 11, 7pm

**Family Christmas Pageant Rehearsal:** Sunday December 16, 12pm

### Some Notes to Help You Feel at Ease this Morning

#### Children...

- **Four and Under:** Can have fun in our professionally staffed nursery.
- **PreK—Middle School:** Can relax & learn in church school during the school year and are welcome to participate in worship during the summer.
- **Of All Ages:** Can stay throughout worship and participate. Families can sit in the pews or at the table at the front of the sanctuary. It's filled with books and soft toys to keep little hands faithfully busy.

#### Visitors of all ages...

- Can fill out a Gold Card in the pew, to help us know that you worshiped with us, and leave it in the offering plate.
- Are welcome to an all-age fellowship after worship in the room directly under the sanctuary.

#### Folks new and returning to worship...

- Are invited to wear nametags to help us call you by name.
- There are no assigned seats; sit where you feel most comfortable.
- Ushers have hearing assist devices so all might hear God's Word.
- We celebrate the noises of children; they remind us we're alive.
- Generally: We stand for singing and sit for speaking.
- We sing with joy and spirit, without fear of judgement.
- We share our prayers vulnerably, and hold them with care.
- We pray with our eyes closed or open, our heads bowed or raised.
- We pass the peace with hugs and handshakes, with nods and smiles.
- We share communion with all who are willing—especially children.

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