

“Don’t ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go and do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive.”
The Rev. Howard Thurman

** Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able*

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *Blessed Quietness* *R.W.Thygerson*

WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life’s journey,
you are welcome here.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Live In Charity* *Taizé*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy God, you have called for yourself a people
ALL: Fill us with your presence, affirm us with your love
One: This is the day that the Lord has made
ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

LET US PREPARE

***HYMN** *All Glory, Laud, And Honor* *B216*

UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

O God, the source of all beginnings: we thank you for bringing us to this new day. Send us your Spirit as we continue our journey as people of faith. Equip us to proclaim that faith, defend us from all adversaries, and give us the grace to live together in peace and common prayer. In the midst of resentment, fear and bitterness – which is a virus that has spread throughout the world, help us to find your grace to live together in peace and fellowship. In your power,

may we become a holy community that has the potential to transform the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who lives in us and among, and who taught us to pray, “Our Father....Amen.”

LET US LISTEN

READINGS *Romans 8: 12-25*
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

HYMN *O Spirit of God (vs 1, 3, 5)* *B60*

REFLECTION *Investing in Hope and Honor and Hospitality*

ANTHEM *Ubi Caritas* *M. Duruflé*

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Medema*
Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us peace, send us grace.

L: Let the people say ...

P: **Amen and Amen.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Musical Meditation*

***DOXOLOGY** *B778 (tune: B780 L.Bourgeois 1551)*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, by the

effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

LET US GO FORTH

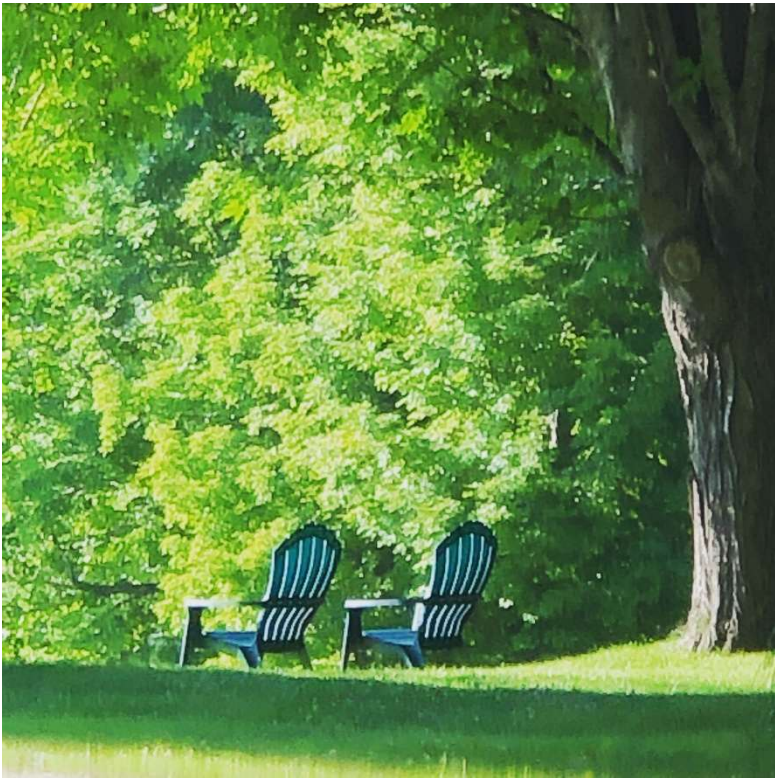
*HYMN *Hope of the World* B46
*BENEDICTION
*SEVEN FOLD AMEN R594
POSTLUDE *Praise The Lord On High* R. Sawyer

Ministers: The People
Guest Preacher: Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith
Minister of Music: Gene Faxon
Worship Leader: Rich Dufresne
Greeters: Ben Wheeler and Karen Shea Dufresne
Usher: Sam Greene
Flowers: Marianne Rothnie
Set Up: Marc O’Brien

Please join us in the Parish House after worship for coffee, this week provided by Kathy.

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