

March 22, 2020, 9:30 a.m.  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Welcome Guests!** It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today! In the mighty name of our living Lord Jesus,

We welcome you to this service of celebration. May you feel Christ's presence, hear his Word proclaimed, and be blessed, and renewed.

*The asterisk (\*) Indicates to please stand, if you are able.*

**Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.**

### Gathering

#### Announcements/Joys and Celebrations

Donations for the **Good Shepherd Food Bank Auburn, Maine**). Our 2020 Local Mission Initiative: \$2500/year, \$50 per week goal.



**Contributions as of 3/15/20: \$476**

#### Prelude and Lighting of the Altar Candles

#### Opening Prayer

Lay Leader

#### \* Call to Worship

One Voice: Come to this place to be changed, to be re-defined.

**Many Voices: But we come to be comforted.**

One Voice: Ahh. Be careful – the Living Christ is here.

**Many Voices: But the Living Christ comforts.**

One Voice: Yes, Christ comforts, but for those who will see, he will also challenge.

**Many Voices: May we be comforted by Christ, but may we also have the eyes to see his challenge to change, to be redefined in him.**

\* Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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#### Story Telling Time:

Pastor Eleanor

**Our Prelude to Prayer Song:** Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

#### Our Time of Prayer

Pastor Eleanor

*We come together with prayers of Joy & Thanksgiving, and with prayers for Love, Healing and Wholeness. We come with prayers for ourselves, for others, and with prayer for our homes, and the world around us. Today, is there an experience of God that you might share in praise of God?*

#### The 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 trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory**

**forever. Amen**

#### Responding to God's Grace and the Proclamation of the Word

#### Offertory

Offertory Anthem

\*Giving Glory to God in Song:

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### Our Prayer of Dedication (Shared together)

Lay Leader

**God of our waking, our walking, and our resting, receive these**

**gifts we offer, that they may bring the goodness of our intended**

**ministry to your world. Receive also the gifts of our re-defined**

**lives, as we open our hearts to perceive where we fall short. Give**

**us the vision to offer our lives in service to you. Light our paths**

**and shine through our lives, we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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**Scriptures:**

Old Testament Reading - 1 Samuel 16:1-13 NRSV pg. 259 Lay Leader  
New Testament Reading - John 9:1-11. 13-25 NRSV pg. 102 Pastor Eleanor  
May God Bless the reading and hearing of this holy word

**Response: Amen**

**Morning Message**  
"Re-Defined"

Pastor Eleanor

\*Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

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**Benediction**

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For **Detailed information on the life and ministry of Union Church**  
**visit our website. Here you will find:**

- A complete church calendar.
- Current and Past Union Rider Newsletters.
- Information on our Memorial Garden for interment of ashes.
- Links to our United Methodist Conference website for current information, programs and events, and news about the United Methodist Church in general.
- A version of our Sunday Bulletin and Insert for each week.

***Please Join Us for Coffee Hour Fellowship in  
Friendship Hall Just Beyond the Sanctuary***

**Pastor:** Rev. Eleanor Collinsworth

**Lay Leaders:** Carol Johnson & Kathy Gerard

**Choir Director:** Alice VanDerwerken

**Pianists:** Gwen Chase      **Sexton:** Ernie Merckens

**Office Support Ministry:** Kathy Gerard



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Union Church of Belgrade Lakes  
a United Methodist Church

**Our Mission** is to live our experience of God's  
love in all that we say and do...

**Our Vision** is to be a growing spiritual faith community  
in the manner of Christ, where all are  
welcome and cared for...