

# UU Church of Saco and Biddeford

Saco, Maine

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**June 26, 2022**

**Greetings & Announcements** – Diane Eiker

**Sounding the Singing Bowl**

**Prelude** – Paul Benya  
*You are invited to light a candle of remembrance.*

**\*Lighting of the Chalice**  
This is our sacred promise:  
To gather together in peace  
To seek truth in love  
To serve human need  
So that all shall grow in harmony with the divine.

**Choir** *Yonder Come Day* – Trad. Georgia Sea Isles Song

**Responsive Reading** *Summer Warmth*  
(see back page)

**\*Hymn #63** *Spring Has Now Unwrapped the Flowers*

**Sharing from the Heart** (*Joys and Concerns*)

**Prayer #123** *Spirit of Life*  
Spirit of Life, come unto me;  
Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion,  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea,  
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close, wings set me free.  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

**Silent and Spoken Meditation** – Michael Boblett

**\*Hymn #64** *Oh, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today*

**Reading** *For the Flowers Have the Gift of Language*

## Flower Communion

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Consecration

**Choir** *Draw the Circle Wide* – G. Light/M. Miller

Partaking in the Communion

Communion Prayer and Meditation

## The Work of This Church – Offertory

**Share the Plate** – WIONN

Welcome Immigrants, Our New Neighbors

## \*Song of Gratitude and Celebration

From all that dwell below the skies,  
Let faith and hope and love arise.  
Let beauty, truth and good be sung,  
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue. Amen.

## \*Extinguish the Chalice

As we release this flame  
From its faithful service today  
We allow the spark in each of us to burn on;  
To warm our compassion,  
To fire our delight  
To light our paths,  
Today, tomorrow and always.

**\*Hymn #78** *Color and Fragrance*

**Closing Words**

– Alice Berry

**Postlude**

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**\*Please stand, as you are comfortable.**

**Thanks for making our worship possible:**

Ushers – Niki Norman

Flowers – Dorinne Spirito

***Hearing assistance devices and large-print hymnals are available. Please ask an usher.***

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### **Covid-19 Guidelines**

Masks are OPTIONAL inside

Masks off when speaking in pulpit area

Sit in appropriately marked pews - social distance unless in same household

Hand sanitizer stations

Social hour in the parish hall

#### **Hannaford Gift Cards**

Ellie L. will be selling Hannaford Gift Cards in the Parish Hall on Sundays after church. If you buy your groceries with a Hannaford card, the church receives 5%. Please enter the Nursery one person at a time to purchase your cards.

### **Responsive Reading** ***Summer Warmth***

We stand at the edge of summer.

**The sun has at last warmed us enough that  
we begin to trust in its presence.**

The last burst of spring blossoms, lavender and white and deep pink banks of rhododendron, are giving way to summer peonies and roses.

**O source of the turning seasons, of earth, of  
life, of promise gradually becoming a  
fulfillment,**

May all people find a lightening of the burdens with the brightening of the sky.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP:**

#### **Flower Communion**

#### **Rev. Lori Whittemore**

This week is the much beloved Flower Communion to close out the church year. Rev. Lori will facilitate the celebratory service. Please bring a flower to be blessed and shared with the community! 😊



### **NEXT SUNDAY – July 3** **Independence Day Weekend** **No Service**

Celebrate the holiday with friends and family or alone. Summer worship will begin on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. These lay-led services will be held in the parish hall every Sunday from July 10<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>.