

Rev. Elaine Bomford - Guest Speaker

Martha Woodward – Musician, Jim Vashro – Worship Associate

Gathering Music – “An Old Garden” MacDowell

Welcome and Announcements

Greet your Neighbors

Prelude – “With Sweet Lavender” MacDowell

***Lighting the Chalice**

We gather this hour as do all people of faith—with joys and sorrows, gifts and needs. We light this beacon of hope, sign of our quest for truth and meaning, in celebration of the life we share together.

Opening Words – “Why I Wake Early” Mary Oliver

***Opening Hymn** – Hymn 76 “For Flowers That Bloom about Our Feet”

***Affirmation of Fellowship:**

May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations, and inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the altar of humanity.

May we know once again that we are not isolated beings but connected in mystery and in miracle, to the universe, to this community and to each other.

Candles of Joys and Concerns

Words for Reflection – “God’s Flower” Rev. Norbert Capek

Silent Meditation

Offertory Music – “Variations on Plum Blossom” Ancient Chinese Melody

***Offertory Response (to “Old Hundredth”)**

In colors bright and essence sweet,
Like flowers we bloom when we meet.
O, Source of Life, our song we raise,
This beauty fills our hearts with praise.

Story of the Flower Communion

***Hymn** – Hymn 352 “Find a Stillness”

Message – **Flower Communion**

A Litany for Flower Communion INSERT

***Closing Hymn** – Hymn 207 “Earth Was Given As a Garden”

***Extinguishing the Chalice**

Let this flame remain with us, a symbol of the holiness we seek, dispelling the gloom, lighting a path to faith and hope, its radiance calling us to wholeness, casting the light of freedom, justice and peace upon the world.

Postlude – “To a Wild Rose” MacDowell

Closing Words – Gerard de Nerval

***Congregation is invited to stand as you are able**

Everyone is invited for refreshments and conversation immediately following the worship service.

UPCOMING SERVICES

6/18 – Rev. Edward Proulx

6/25 – Rev. Dick Dutton

FUTURE EVENTS

6/14 1:30pm Meditation at Wells’

KUUF PURPOSE

...to worship and create a welcoming and supporting community
...to support and care for one another,
...to explore, reflect and grow spiritually,
...to understand our differences,
...to feel safe to share our deeply held thoughts and values,
...to be intentionally inclusive towards bisexual, gay, lesbian
and transgender people,
...to support collective service to the larger community and to
celebrate
together our traditions and our lives with all their sorrows and
joys.

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**Assisting Ministers: Rev. Richard Dutton and guests**  
**Pastoral Care: Kathryn Vashro – (208) 440-1855**  
**Music Director: Martha Woodward**

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**Andover, New Hampshire**  
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