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Epiphany

New Ways
of Seeing
This
Epiphany

All I Know is... February 15, 2026

We are a progressive community of faith seeking to follow the teachings of Jesus, pursue justice and live God's love.

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



SUNG RESPONSE*Weave*

Rosemary Crow

**Weave, weave, weave us together,
weave us together in unity and love. [Repeat]**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Judith Borelli

One: Jesus invites us to look at the world – and God – from a fresh angle.

**All: Holy One, open our eyes, upend our assumptions and prepare us to
envision Your world transformed by love and justice.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-21; 24-41

Mary Mahoney,
Judith Borelli & John Grew**SERMON***“All I Know is...”*

Rev. Alison J. Buttrick Patton

MOMENT OF CONTEMPLATIVE SILENCE**ANTHEM***Believe Your Eyes[†]*

Thomas Keesecker

Meetinghouse Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father-Mother in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.**

OFFERING INVITATION

Help us to live God’s love and justice. You can make a secure gift by
using the QR code, going to fccucc.org/donate, or by adding your
contribution to the box at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE****PRAYERS OF BLESSING****CLOSING HYMN***We’ll Build a Land*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Notturmo*

Edvard Grieg

WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you to this morning's ushers: Team E, Rich Armstrong, captain.

Livestream: Thank you to Alex Ratta for managing our worship livestream!

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The Steeple is lit in memory of Virginia M. Skillin, by her daughter Stephanie and family, on what would have been her mother's 99th birthday.

**** This morning's Prayer for forgiveness** was adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art, LLC | sanctifiedart.org

☰ **Royalty for Spirituals:** Historically, the composers of African American Spirituals were neither known nor compensated for use of their songs. The FCC UCC music department has committed to paying forward a 'royalty' each time we include a Spiritual in worship. Funds are donated to the Indigo Arts Alliance: <https://indigoartsalliance.me/>. You are invited to contribute, as well. Mark your contribution as "Royalty for Spirituals." *Thank you.*

† **This morning's anthem, *Believe Your Eyes***, is a new song written as an act of solidarity with the #EyesNotLies campaign launched by MARCH (Multifaith Antiracism, Change and Healing). It is a musical call to faithful resistance, truth-telling and collective courage.

AN INVITATION from our Environmental Working Group

Claiming Your Call for a Climate-Changed Word: A 3-Day Retreat and year-long community of practice. Retreat: Thursday, May 14 at 10:30am – Saturday, May 16 at 12:30 pm, Schoodic Institute, Winter Harbor, Maine.

FCC UCC participated in this program in 2024-2025. It culminated in the Toss the Tanks community forum that FCC UCC hosted last spring. Now we are looking for a *new* team of three to attend the retreat with Pastor Alison, and to join us in identifying another project we'd like to undertake, to live out our environmental commitments in the coming year.

- Details at <https://thebtscenter.org/claimingyourcall/>
- Our team application is due March 16.
- There is a sliding fee and scholarship support available.

See Pastor Alison if you are interested.

WEEKLY @ FCC UCC

Bible Study, Tuesdays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm in Davidson Lounge: Explore the scripture from the past Sunday, led by Rev. Steve Savage.

Meetinghouse Choir rehearses on Wednesdays, 6:15 - 8 pm. All singers are welcome. We meet in the Choir Room on the lower level of the church. Questions? Contact choir director Deirdre McClure at dmclure@fccucc.org.

Handbells rehearse on Wednesdays, 4:45 pm in Wright Pavilion. If you are interested in ringing in the choir or would like more information, please contact bell choir director Sharon Potter: handbells@fccucc.org.

COMING UP @ FCC UCC

Parents of Adult Children group, Sunday, February 15, 6:00 - 7:30 pm: All parents of adult children (over 18 years old) are welcome to join us. For more info contact FCC UCC member Jill Saxby at revjillsaxby@gmail.com.

Chop and Chat Group, Monday, February 16 at 5:00 pm: Frozen meals will be made in Guptill Hall and distributed to local families in need, to volunteer or know someone in need, contact Kathy Sahrbeck at kathrynsme@yahoo.com.

Ash Wednesday Prayer Service, February 18, 12 noon: Mark the beginning of Lent with a brief prayer service and imposition of ashes. The sanctuary will be open and ashes will also be available throughout the day - 8 am to 6 pm.

Fellowship Club, Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 6:15 pm: Victoria Hugo-Vidal, the Maine Millennial, from the *Maine Sunday Telegram* joins us. Lasagna dinner. \$25 per person. Rides available. Reservations: carolyn.clark353@gmail.com by March 3. Info blockwood@portlandresearch.com.

Women's Spirit Circle, Tuesday, March 10, 7 pm, Community Room: Come just as you are to this welcoming, sacred space where we can connect with one another. All women, including LGBTQIA+, are welcome. Info: Nancy Brajtbord: nancy.brajtbord@gmail.com or Pat Thatcher: pat.thatcher123@gmail.com

MISSION AND SOCIAL WITNESS

Lunch and Learn *with* Martha Stein of Hope Acts, Sunday, March 8, 11:30 am, Wright Pavilion: Hope Acts runs Hope House in Portland. Martha will give an overview of the organization's work with asylum seekers, focusing on people who have been arrested and detained by ICE, and on the impact of ongoing attacks. The program will include a Q&A and discussion about ways to get involved.

Clynk Bags are in the narthex (inside main entrance). Collect your returnable cans and bottles and return them to a Clynk collection site at Hannaford or other participating grocery stores. Scan the code on the bags and the refunds will automatically be donated to our FCC mission team. *Thank you!*

Volunteer for Preble Street Food Hub: On the last Friday of each month, we prepare meals at the Food Hub, 75 Darling Avenue, South Portland, for delivery to Preble Street satellite sites. Please join us! To learn more about how to volunteer, see the Weekly Word or contact Danna Wiggins at dannawig2@gmail.com

THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Weekly Multi-Faith Vigil, Wednesday, February 18, 2:45 – 3:15 pm

New location: now held at Congress Square Park (the intersection of Congress St. & High St. in Portland, ME 04101). Check in weekly to find all details here: tinyurl.com/pwm-vigil.

Virtual Prayer Service - A Call to Christians in a Crisis of Faith and Democracy, Ash Wednesday, February 18, 8:00 pm ET online: Convened by Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Jim Wallis (of Sojourners Magazine), Adam Russell Taylor, and many Christian leaders across the country. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/ymy9yttv>

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"What is Mine to Do?"
Unraveling Your Call This Lent
Saturday, February 21, 10 am - 12:30 pm

Do you ever feel pulled in many directions, uncertain how best to use your time and talents, given so much need in the world? Do you feel weary, paralyzed, or worried that you are inadequate to the task? Join us for a morning of reflection on the particular ways God calls each of us to use our gifts and graces.

Using a variety of fun and engaging tools, you will be invited to explore your operating values, consider what tugs at your heart and name what gives you energy - to "knit together" the threads of your call. Inspired in part by our November *Changemaker* series, this mini-retreat will provide space for each of us to contemplate how and where we could make a difference this season - in ways that contribute to our flourishing, and not to burnout.

Led by Rev. Alison Patton and Rev. Steve Savage.

RSVP: revalisonpatton@fccucc.org.

JOIN US ON MISSION TRIP SUNDAY, March 1



Come to hear about last summer's mission trip to Cherryfield, Maine. Participants will share their stories during worship. The service will be followed by an **information session at 11:30 am**, in the sanctuary and on Zoom, to learn more about *Maine Seacoast Mission* and about our 2026 trip, to be led by Chris Keiter. Then: **Save the Dates! 2026 Mission trip: Sunday, July 12 to Friday, July 17.** Open to anyone 15 or older. People do not need to be a member of the church to participate!