

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
Organized in 1806



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 17, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Order of Worship
July 17, 2022
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude:

Sing: God welcomes all! Strangers and friends!

God's love is strong! And it never ends!

Words: John L. Bell, Music: South African traditional,
transcribed by John L. Bell at the Sunrise Hospice, Themba

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

We come to worship the invisible God, made visible in our world by Jesus.

We come to worship God, present in our world and in our lives.

We come to worship the God who made us and loves us, always.

We come to worship God, present in our world and in our lives.

We come to worship the God who calls us sometimes to do, and other times to sit and listen.

We come to worship God, present in our world and in our lives.

Come, friends, and let us worship God.

***Hymn**

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

NCH #506

Words: Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt. Music: Charles C. Converse, 1868

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a priv-i-lege to carry everything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to our God in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to our God in Prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, burdened with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to our God in prayer!

**Do your friends despise, for-sake you? Take it to our God in Prayer!
Jesus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

Invocation:

Come into our lives, Jesus.

By your Spirit:

Lead us to be faithful listeners.

Lead us to be faithful servants.

***In all that we do, may we welcome you
and serve you as disciples. Amen.***

Confession:

Sometimes we get flustered and overwhelmed. We think we have far too much to do, and we don't know which way to turn.

***Sometimes when that happens, we lash out: we blame others for our problems; we think "if only they would act differently, we would be fine."
But we know that is not true.***

At those times, O God, forgive us Quiet us Center us

***Help us, O God, to recognize when we take on too much. Help us to let go,
that in letting go we might in turn find ourselves better able to serve you
and others. Amen.***

Words of affirmation

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS! Despite all we have done in our lives, God never gives up on us.

BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS!

The Scripture reminds us of our experience that Jesus is patient with us, always ***loving and forgiving.***

So let us turn our lives back to God, and know forgiveness and grace.

AMEN!

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-24
Amos 8:1-12

Sermon: *Summer Fruit*

Rev Ed DeLong

***Hymn** *God Reigns O're All the Earth*

NCH #21

Words: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

Music: Traditional English melody, adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

**God reigns o'er all the earth! Green hills and valleys low,
the farms and town in golds and browns God's grace and beauty show.
God reigns o'er all the earth! Stone banks and spreading plains,
in rainbow hues – red, yellows, blues – of streams and country lanes.**

**God reigns o'er human life! Through youth and aging years,
in death, in birth, in grief, in mirth, in all our hopes and fears.
God reigns o'er human life! Our inspiration still.
Through all our schemes, in all our dreams, we see God's reigning will.**

**God reigns o'er time and space! In history's by-gone days,
Christ's faithful folk in reverence spoke to bring God earnest praise.
God reigns o'er time and space! O'er galaxy and sun,
through time-less years the cosmos hears the heavenly music run.**

**God reigns! Em-man-u-el! God with us every day,
in all our past and to the last, our comfort and our stay.
God reigns! Em-man-u-el! Let praise to Christ be sung!
God's presence here makes all things dear. Let joyful bells be rung!**

**Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Call to Offering:

***Doxology**

***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. Amen.***

Dedication:

***What we have, we offer to you, O God:
gifts from our earnings and savings;
talents freely given to us by you,
now offered to help others;
time that too often gets wasted,
redirected to the joy of serving you. Amen.***

***Hymn:**

O for A World

NCH # 575

Words: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987 Music: Carl G. Glaser, 1828

**O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

**The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: out-casts belong, who perishes will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

*** Benediction:**

Postlude:

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