

**First Congregational Church**  
United Church of Christ  
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097  
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**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 24, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.**

# Service of Prayers for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 24, 2022

Prelude

Sung: **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

Leader We come abounding in thanksgiving:

**People For in Christ we find in all fullness  
the holiness  
the justice  
the hope of God.**

We come abounding in thanksgiving:

**To feel God's life in us  
flowing through our roots in Christ  
and establishing our faith.**

We come abounding in thanksgiving:

**To celebrate the mystery of God-with-us:  
Christ, who lives fully in us  
and in whom we fully live.**

**All Let us welcome the One who was sent  
to make us alive in the fullness of God. Amen.**

## \*Opening Song

Alleluia! Hear God's Story

#330

Words: Mary Anne Parrott, 1986

Music: Polish folk melody; adapt. A.E. Rusbridge

**Alleluia! Hear God's story, still unfolding with each dawn.  
Taste the wine and body broken: God's creative love lives on.  
Who the neighbor? Who the hungry? Who is thirsty for shalom?  
God of journey, in your story; lead us, with the neighbor, home.**

**Alleluia! Sing the story; God's great faithfulness proclaim.  
Tell of prophets and apostles; sing the pow'r of Jesus' name.  
Who the neighbor? Who the List'ner? Who has ears to hear our  
song? God of hist'ry, tune our voices, make our hopeful witness  
strong.**

**Alleluia! Dance the story; ev'ry sinew now engage.  
Tethered close in truthful worship, boldly face the coming age.  
Who the neighbor? Who the watchful? Who will welcome life's  
embrace? God of gospel, tell the story through our dancing of  
your grace.**

**\*Invocation**

**God, we know you will come to us and give us what is good.  
Let your glory till the landscape of our hearts  
so that it will yield an increase of love for you.**

**Speak peace to us, your faithful, and to all who yearn for you.  
Like Hosea of old, help us to be willing to do as you ask,  
That we may rejoice to be children of the living God.  
For we know that as we ask, it will be given  
and as we knock, the door will be opened to us.  
Come, bring your goodness to us your children. Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**Gospel Reading      Luke 11:1-13**

**Message**

**Rev. Nancy J. White**

**\*Hymn**

**Help Us Accept Each Other**

**#487**

Words: Fred Kaan, 1974 Music: John Ness Beck, 1977

**Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe:  
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.**

**Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all - not just for some,  
to love them as we find them or as they may become.**

**Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.**

**Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!**

**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.**

**Offering Invitation**

We have been taught to pray to Creator God  
and to join in the coming of the Kin-dom. \*

The persistence of the work requires our generous gifts.

God's humble workers for compassion and justice on earth,  
Let us offer our and gifts at this time.

## Offertory

### \*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

Thank you, God, for the opportunity to do your will and  
to co-create with you on earth as in heaven.  
Take these gifts we bring for your purposes.  
Thy Kin-dom Come.....

### \*Sending Song

Community of Christ

#655

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1985 Music: Hebrew melody; arr. Meyer Leoni, 1780

**Community of Christ, who makes the cross your own,  
live out your creed and risk your life for God alone:  
the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong,  
whose children are of every race and every song.**

**Community of Christ, look past the church's door  
and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed, the job-less in your street,  
take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.**

**Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound-  
cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round:  
disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,  
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.**

**When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done,  
The climate of the world be peace the whole world round:**

**Our currency be love and kindness our law,  
our food and faith be shared as one for ever more.**

**Please be seated following the Benediction to enjoy the Postlude.**

**\*Benediction**

In the hallowed name of God,  
let us go out with prayer and a sweet thanksgiving.  
God calls us out into a world that is sorely in need of both.  
Daily let us offer to the earth and its people  
the fullness of God's joy, justice and peace which we have in  
Christ.

*\* "Kin-dom" is a term which has recently come into use as a name for the Reign of God; it suggests a time when God is all in all, and all of creation is in a relationship of justice and peace.*

Postlude

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