

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 21, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Service of Prayers for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 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,
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (psalm 121)

We lift our eyes to the hills – from where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Holy One, who made heaven and earth

The Beloved will not let your foot be moved; the One who keeps you will not slumber.

The Holy One is your keeper, and your shade at your right hand.

The Beloved will keep you from all evil, God will keep your life.

God will keep our going out and our coming in, from this time on and forevermore.

Let us release our worries to God and worship together.

***Hymn** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise CH#66
Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867. Alt
Music: Welsh folk melody

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy
great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou
rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds
which are fountains of good ness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true
life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and
perish, but naught changeth thee.**

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praises we render: O help us to see that only the splendor of light hideth thee.

***Prayer of Approach:**

Creator God, we give you thanks for the brilliance and warmth and fragrances of summer. For lakes and seashore, for travel and the relaxation of summer vacations, for all the ways you refresh our spirits, we give thanks. We confess that although we are surrounded by the beauty of your creation, and our gardens are overabundant with your providence; we still worry about our life. We worry about our health and our families; we worry about the next COVID variant; we worry about the political divisions and the increasing violence in our world. We confess that we forget that you are with us always. We confess that we forget to quiet our minds and hearts in prayer, to seek your presence and your guidance. We forget that your spirit of love is the antidote to fear. Forgive us, strengthen us, and guide us to reach out to everyone we meet with that love that is your healing spirit within us. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Passing the Peace:

Scripture: Luke 12:22-31

Sermon:

“Don’t Worry”

Rev Cheryl Anderson

***Hymn**

The Lord’s My Shepherd

CH#78

Words: Scottish Psalter, 1650, alt.

Music: Jessie S Irvine, 1871; arr. David Grant, 1872; desc. W. Baird Ross (20th C.)

**The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want.
God makes me down to lie in pastures green,
and leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul thou doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make within
the paths of righteousness, e’en for thine own name’s sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death’s deep vale,
yet I will fear no ill. For thou art with me
and thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost anoint with oil and my cup over-floes.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling-place shall be.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: God, in your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

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**

***Hymn:**

God of Our Life

CH#713

Words: Hugh T. Kerr, 1916; alt., 1928

Music: Charles H. Purday, 1860; harm. John Weaver, 1986

**God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in you;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, your hand we view.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own your mercies, Lord, which never fail.**

**God of the past, our times are in your hand; with us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land; be now our Guide.
With you to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.**

**God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow you;
when we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone; our faith re-new.**

**Be now for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.**

*Commission:

Leader: Let us go forth, with faith in God's presence and providence, to share God's love.

All: We will go with courage; holding fast to what is good; rendering to no one evil for evil. We will strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, and help the afflicted. Honoring all beings, we will serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

* Benediction

Postlude

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