

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Neighbors in Need Offering
October 2, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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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

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Pastor Day

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Unite us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that with one heart and mind we may bear witness to the unity of your Church and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Pastor: Throughout God's world this day Christian churches are celebrating Holy Communion as one family, dining together in one room, under one roof.

People: **In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.**

Pastor: May Word and Sacrament and Fellowship empower us to be agents of hope and peace in a time of uncertainty and strife.

People: **The Bread and Cup are not for us alone, but are symbols of a universal message that is greater than weapons of war or walls of oppression.**

Pastor: May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the Church today.

People: **Praise be to Christ, our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior!**

Hymn** ***In Christ There Is No East or West **CH # 687**

Words: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.

Music: Alexander R. Reinagle c. 1830

**In Christ there is no east or west, in
him no south or north, but one community
of love through-out the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their
high communion find; his service is the
golden cord close-binding human kind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-e'er
your race may be; all children of the
living God are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west in
him meet south and north; all loving hearts
are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) **“A Modern *Te Deum*”**

We praise you, O God;

we claim you as Lord;

with all the earth we worship you.

With all the powers seen and unseen

we declare the fullness of your majesty

in all that is or could be.

With all the church on earth and in heaven,

the prophets, apostles, and martyrs before us,

and the saints around us, we worship you:

ever-living Father, ever-loving Son, ever-present Spirit.

Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, Son of the Father,

you took upon yourself our salvation,

in human birth, humbling yourself,
in human death, conquering sin and the grave,
in divine love, opening heaven to all who believe;
in almighty power, Ruler of all.

You are our Savior and Judge.

Deal with us according to your mercy, not according to our merit.

Govern us in your wisdom, and help us in our weakness.

Cleanse us by your blood, and include us as your own.

May we always and everywhere trust you, and not be dismayed.

Silence

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

John 6:35, 37, 40

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. . . . All that the Father gives me will come to me; and whoever comes to me I will not cast out. . . . For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise them up at the last day."

Passing the Peace

Choir Anthem: A Place at the Table

by Mary McDonald

Time with God's Children

Scripture

Exodus 1:1—2:10

The Good News: *Happy New Year*

Pastor Day

***Hymn**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CH #305

Words and Music: Ken Medema, 1973

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,**

send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Prayers of the People, concluding with 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.

INVITATION TO SHARING

1 Timothy 1:2, 6-7

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. . . . Rekindle the gift of God that is within you . . . ; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

***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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all that your love has done in our lives. We dedicate these gifts of money, and our time and talents, to extend your love through the ministries of this church. Bless, too, our offerings for *Neighbors in Need* as they share that love with Native Americans and support works of justice for all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

Know Whom I Have Believed

Tune: EL NATHAN

Words: Daniel Whittle, based on 1 Timothy 1:12

Music: James McGranahan

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known,

**Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes.**

**Lean on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning wher-e'er thy face appears;
thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
the crown a-waits the conquest; lead on, O God of Might.**

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

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