

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



**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**American Indian Ministry Sunday**  
**United Samoan Ministries Stewardship Sunday**  
**September 25, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.**

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You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel  
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
Then afterward I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

**Joel 2:27-29**

**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**

**Land Acknowledgement**

On this American Indian Ministry Sunday, we acknowledge that we stand on the traditional territory of the Wabanaki Confederacy—the “People of the Dawn.” We recognize and honor the tribes who comprise the Wabanaki Confederacy today—the Penobscot, Passamaquoddy, Maliseet, and Micmac peoples—who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We respect the traditional values of these tribes and affirm their inherent sovereignty in this territory. We support their efforts for land and water protection and restoration, and for cultural healing and recovery.

We pause in remembrance of those whose lives and land were taken through the colonial settlement of this land. We commit ourselves to the ongoing work of justice for all people in Maine and beyond.

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: On the first day of the week

People: **God spoke all creation into being.**

Leader: On the first day of the week

People: **God raised Jesus from death to eternal life.**

Leader: On the first day of the week

People: **God poured out the Holy Spirit on God's people.**

Leader: Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

**Invocation: (in unison)**

**Holy Spirit, come to us and among us:  
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us;  
come as Holy Fire and burn;  
come as Dew and refresh,  
convict, convert, and consecrate us  
to our great good and your greater glory,  
and this we ask for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: "O Breath of Life"**

**CH #250**

Words: Bessie Porter Head, 1920 Music: Clement C. Scholefield, 1874

**O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power.**

**O Breath of Life, Come, cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.**

**O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us,  
Till humbly we confess our need.**

**Then in your tenderness remake us;  
revive, restore, for this we plead.**

**O Breath of Love, come, breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart.**

**Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us;  
revive your church in every part.**

**Confession:**

**P: Gathered here on this Holy Ground, the Psalmist reminds us—**

**L: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it –  
the world and all who live in it.**

**P: We confess that many who have come before us misrepresented Holy  
Scripture in order to dispossess indigenous inhabitants of their homes  
and sovereignty; claimed divine authority to take these lands; used**



**Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,  
who through all changes faithful will remain.**

***Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.***

**Be still, my soul: for God will undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.**

***Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the voice that calmed them in this world below.***

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall dwell with God forever more,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.**

***Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.***

## **Prayers of the People**

### **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:**

**1 Timothy 6:6-7, 17-19**

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it . . . . Do not set your hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for yourselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that you may take hold of the life that really is life.

## **\*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: (in unison)**

**God, you were with Joseph even in times of trial and blessed him so that he could be an agent of help and hope to others. So you have blessed us. Use our gifts, and use us so that we may be agents of help and hope to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:                   “O Young and Fearless Prophet” vv. 1, 2 & 5                   CH #669**  
Words: S. Ralph Harlow, 1931   Music: Welsh folk melody

O young and fearless Prophet of ancient Galilee,  
your life is still a summons to serve humanity;  
to make our thoughts and actions less prone to please the crowd,  
to stand with humble courage for truth with hearts un-cowed.

We marvel at the purpose that held you to your course  
while ever on the hill-top before you loomed the cross;  
your stead-fast face set forward where love and duty shone,  
while we betray so quickly and leave you there alone.

O young and fearless Prophet, we need your presence here,  
a-mid our pride and glory to see thy face appear;  
once more to hear your challenge above our noisy day,  
again to lead us forward along God's holy way.

## **\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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Offering can also be made online through Tithely at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1301940>

### **Neighbors in Need Special Offering**

In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on an economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this through a faith lens. Join us by promoting this year's NIN "Behold!" campaign at your church. As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. We will collect this offering on October 2.