

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

A photograph of a forest path. The path is covered in fallen leaves and is flanked by large, moss-covered tree roots and trunks. The moss is a vibrant green, and the trees are mostly bare, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The lighting is bright, creating strong shadows and highlights on the moss and the path.

He has shown you,  
O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the  
LORD require of you?  
To act justly  
and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly  
with your God.

**Micah 6:8**

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Veterans Day Remembrance Sunday  
Stewardship Sunday  
November 13, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.**

**November 13, 2022**  
**The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Some religious leaders asked Jesus' disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus heard them and said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."  
**Matthew 9:11-13**

**Prelude**                      Variations on Allein zu dier, Herr Jesu Christ  
D. Erick/J. Pachelbel

**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**

**Invocation** Pastor Day  
God of creation and compassion, you hear the cries of your people. You know our hopes and our fears. In your great love, you assure us that you walk with us in Christ Jesus. In this time of worship, we long to see your new heaven and new earth break through, making your justice known and life fruitful for all your children, so all that is broken will be made new. Through our prayers and our praise, strengthen our trust in your promised future, O God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all life. Amen.

**Call to Worship** from **Micah 4:1-4**

Pastor: In days to come the mountain of the LORD's temple shall be the highest of the mountains and shall be raised up above the hills.  
Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say:

People: **"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD . . . that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."**

Pastor: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem; God shall judge peoples and nations.

People: **They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.**

Pastor: They shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

People: **We will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.**

**\*Hymn**

***Down by the Riverside***

**CH # 673**

Words and Music: African-American Spiritual

**Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside, down by the river side;  
gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside,  
gonna study war no more. I ain't gonna study war no more,  
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,  
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,  
ain't gonna study war no more.**

**Gonna lay down my bur-den, down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside, down by the river side;  
gonna lay down my bur-den, down by the riverside,  
gonna study war no more. I ain't gonna study war no more,  
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,  
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.  
ain't gonna study war no more.**

**Confession: (in unison)**

**God of promise and purpose, you set before us a vision of your new heaven and earth, yet we confess we easily cling to the past. We hold on to grudges and resentment. We grumble about change even when we see the need for it. We resist making room for those who have faced discrimination in our community. Forgive these old ways of thinking and acting. Create in us hearts made new by your mercy and love.**

***Silent Prayer***

## Words of Assurance

Friends, hear the good news! While the world judges in order to condemn, God judges with justice, equity and mercy. All things have been made new in Christ. Our sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God that we can make a new start.

## Passing the Peace

Choir Anthem

Come Christians Join to Sing

Mark Hayes

## Time with God's Children

Stewardship Moment

Lois Knight

## Response: Living Psalm 98

Karen Georgia Thompson

One: O sing to the Lord a new song; God has done marvelous things.  
God made known the beauty of all God made. Let us give thanks to God as we steward the earth. Let us give thanks to God as we give of the gifts we received.

All: **We give generously from all God has given to us.**

One: The sea roars and all that fills it, the sky invites our participation.  
We care for the oceans, rivers, and the seas; we care for flowers, trees, the grass, and the earth. We sing praises to God; we make a joyful noise to God with the birds of the air.

All: **We give generously from all God has given to us.**

One: We give of our time to care for each other; we give of our time to care for the earth; we give of our time to care for all of creation.  
We give of our talent and treasure, clapping our hands and rejoicing; we are a part of the world and all those who live therein.

All: **We give generously from all God has given to us.**

One: God's steadfast love and faithfulness extends to the ends of the earth. We are invited to steward the earth, to join with the Divine, to care for all created. We give as God has given to us — with love and joy.

All: **We give generously from all God has given to us.**



**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:**

Each week we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom. Though we do not know exactly what this will look like, we offer our gifts to God for the work of the Kingdom here and now.

**\*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)**

**Steadfast God, we enjoy your loving kindness day by day. We offer our gifts in gratitude for what we have received from your love. Bless our gifts and our lives so that your goodness will touch many lives in the name of Jesus Christ, our Friend and Savior. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

***Trust and Obey – vv. 1 & 4***

**CH # 556**

Words: John H. Sammis 1887; Music: Daniel B. Towner, 1887

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!**

**While we do his good will, he a-bides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.**

***Trust and o-bey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.***

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and o-bey.**

***Trust and o-bey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.***

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

Lancashire

C. Callahan

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