

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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The Communion of Saints



Remembering Loved Ones Who Have Gone Before Us

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints Sunday
November 6, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. **Hebrews 12:1-2**

Prelude

Welcome Table
Sinenomine

M. Corl
Setting by R. Heschke

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

Naming the Saints Who Surround Us

(You are invited to speak out loud the name(s) of dear departed ones who have borne witness to God's grace and love for you.)

Call to Worship

– *Worship Ways*

Pastor: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

People: **May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.**

Pastor: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

People: **In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.**

Pastor: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

People: **May a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.**

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Day

God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting us new energy to offer you our hearts, minds and souls. Lord of

and me. It is the Good News! You can trust it with your life. The saints knew it and now you do, too. Thanks be to God! Amen and Amen.

Passing the Peace

Choir Anthem: *Anthem for Communion* Robert Lowry/arr. Jay Althouse

Time with God's Children

Scripture

2 Kings 2:1-15a

The Good News: *Saints Under Construction*

Pastor Day

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.

Invitation to Sharing

– *Worship Ways*

Luke tells us that Jesus introduced a strange kind of arithmetic. He said, when you give things away, you actually have more. For we get more of what we really need – freedom from the stuff that holds us hostage, keeping us from a life that is truly free. The saints of old knew this. So, we are invited to give, not only because it helps others, but because by giving we are opened up to a fullness we could not otherwise have imagined. It is God's gift to us. May the joy of the saints be ours today as we offer our gifts to God for the good of the world.

***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)**

O Giver of Life, continue to form in us a transparent spirit that by our giving and our living others may discover you. Reshape our priorities and grant us a willing vision to see and respond to those hidden saints who reveal something of you in the least likely ways and in the most surprising places. Thank you for calling us into New Life. Bless the gifts we bring that they may bless others. Amen.

+ Celebration of Holy Communion +

***Hymn *We Place upon Your Table, Lord* CH # 417**

Words: M.F.C. Wilson (20th century), alt.

Music: Adapt. From Musicalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1690

**We place upon your table, Lord,
the food of life, the bread and wine,
as symbols of our daily works,
ac-cording to your grand design.**

**Within these simple things there lie
the height and depth of human life;
our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils,
our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.**

**Accept them, Lord, they come from you;
we take them humbly form your hand.
these gifts of yours for higher use
we offer up as you command.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles Creed CH # 359

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

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