

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



Jesus said, “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! . . . And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!”

Luke 13:34-35; 19:41-42a

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Welcome. We pray that you may be blessed through our worship and fellowship today. We cordially invite you to join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

* Those who are able may stand.

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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Passacaglia

G. Muffat

**All Sing: God welcomes all! Strangers and friends!
God's love is strong! And it never ends!**

Words: John L. Bell; Music: Trad. South African melody
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship & Passing the Peace

Acts 17:24-28, altered

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: God made the world and everything in it.

People: **God is Lord of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: God gives to all people life and breath and all things.

People: **God made all the nations that inhabit the whole earth.**

Pastor: All people seek God and may find God in their own way —

People: **Indeed, God is not far from each one of us.**

Pastor: For "In him we live and move and have our being."

People: **For we are God's children, made in God's image.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **Yes. I can see him in your face.**

***Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God

CH # 715

Words: Martin Rinkhart, tr. Catherine Winkworth
Music: Johann Cruger; harmony: Felix Mendelssohn

- 1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us full of grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world in the next.**
- 3. All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,
the Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Invocation (antiphonal)

Left Side

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your 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 yours is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory—**

Right Side

**Our Mother present with us,
Holy are your ways.
May your wisdom come,
Your love unite us
with all your children.
Give us today a nurturing spirit
Heal us and make us whole,
and heal others through us.
Lead us into fullness of life,
and liberate all that is good.
Yours is Wisdom,
Presence and Goodness—**

All: Now and forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Howard Goodall

Time with God's Children

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-18, 25-27

The Good News

A Peace Movement
Luke 13:34-35; 19:41-42a

Pastor Paul Day

*Hymn

I Will Never Leave You Orphaned

Tune CH # 337

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette © 2020

Music: GALILEE – William H. Jude, 1874

1. "I will never leave you orphaned," Jesus, you once told your own. When we're overwhelmed and frightened, show us that we're not alone.
2. Thank you for the Holy Spirit who is present every day, giving love that we might share it, giving us the words to say.
3. In affliction, we find comfort through our Friend and Help and Guide. When we're sad and cannot bear it, you are with us — by our side.
4. Then, in comfort, we find challenge As you call your church to be mercy-bearers, justice-seekers in your new community.
5. Christ, in comfort and in challenge, May the church hear what you say: "I will never leave you orphaned." May we trust your word today.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Pastor: Nurturing, powerful Protector, you are as a mother eagle, hovering over her nest.¹ You grant us refuge in the shadow of your wings.² You are as a mother bear protecting her cubs.³

People: **Give us grace to trust and stay by your side.**

Pastor: Loving, comforting Caregiver, you comfort us a mother who comforts her child.⁴ You desire to gather us, your children, together, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings.⁵

People: **Grant that we may rest in the comfort of your wings.**

Pastor: Compassionate, patient Nurturer, you gave birth to us and have carried us from the womb. You have been carrying us on your back from the day we were born. You always have, and you always will be there . . . carrying us . . . saving us.⁶

People: **Fill us with thanks for your steadfast love.**

Pastor: Tender Sustainer of life, you value us and seek us out, as a woman tirelessly sweeping for her lost coin.⁷ You nestle and nurture us in your bosom; you satisfy us at your breast.⁸

People: **Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the maternal care and love of God.**

+ Silent Prayer +

Pastor: Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayers; God's steadfast love will never be taken from us.⁹

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God Psalm 66:8, 13-15

Let us bless God; let the sound of our praise be heard. Let us fulfill our pledge and bring our offerings into God's house.

Offertory A Charge to Keep I Have R. Powell

***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 God, for your steadfast love and faithfulness. May our offerings of our time and our treasure be pleasing to you, and may they spread joy and love to all. Amen.

***Hymn *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* CH # 705**

Words: Julia Ward Howe; Music: American Camp-Meeting Tune

**1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are
stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift
sword: His truth is marching on.**

**Refrain: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

**2. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of all before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.**

**Refrain: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

**3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
As he died to make us holy, let us live that all be free!
While God is marching on.**

**Refrain: Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

***Charge and Benediction**

from **John 14**

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust God and trust in Jesus—the Way, the Life, and the Truth. Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father and he will give you the Holy Spirit to be with you forever. . . . Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

Postlude

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

Scripture references in the prayer: ¹ Deuteronomy 32:11-12; ² Psalm 57:1; ³ Hosea 13:8; ⁴ Isaiah 66:10-13; ⁵ Luke 13:34 & Matthew 23:37; ⁶ Isaiah 46:3; ⁷ Luke 15:8; ⁸ Numbers 11:12 & Isaiah 49:15; ⁹ Psalm 66:20

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THIS WEEK*

Today 10:30 am, Coffee Hour
Mon. 7:00 pm, Missions Committee via Zoom
Tue. 10:00 am, Tuesday Gals
Wed. 6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Thu. 6:30 pm, Church Council
Sat. 7:30 am, Men's Club Breakfast @ Toddy Brook

Next Lord's Day – May 21 – Ascension Sunday

8:30 am, Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am, Worship Service

Looking ahead . . .

May 27 – 9:00 am, Rummage Sale – Set-Up on May 26

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: Diana Day, Sandra & Vince Golonka, Wayne Malloch, Blanche Mays, Cindy Tompson

Nation & World: Mental Health Awareness Month; Teacher Appreciation Week; Nurses Appreciation Week; Peace in Ukraine and all places of conflict; gun violence; adequate and appropriate shelter for those who are unhoused.

*Please submit items for the Church Calendar or the Prayer List to Pastor Day or Lyn Glassock by Tuesday in order to be included in the bulletin. Thank You.