

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



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. **Acts 2:1-4**

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Memorial Day Weekend
May 28, 2023 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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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 **Tongues of Fire** **A. Fedak**
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah “Piano Four Hands” **J. Cart**

**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 **John 7:37-39a**

Pastor: On the last day of the Jewish festival of Tabernacles, the great day,
Jesus stood by the Pool of Siloam and cried out, “Let anyone who is
thirsty come to me;

People: **“And let those who believe in me drink.**

Pastor: “As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers
of living water.’”

People: **Jesus said this about the Spirit, which those who believe in him
were to receive.**

***Hymn** **On Pentecost They Gathered** **CH # 237**
Words: Jane Parker Huber © 1981

**On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.**

**A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.**

**The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.**

**God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.**

**O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So people of all nations glad songs of joy shall raise.**

Invocation

The New Handbook of the Christian Year

Pastor: Spirit of the living God, visit us again as on the day of Pentecost.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: With the rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: With love that leaps over the boundaries of race and nations,

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: With power from above to make our weakness strong,

People: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Passing the Peace

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Choir Anthem

God's Gonna Set This World On Fire

arr. Moses Hogan

Time with God's Children

Scripture Reading

Numbers 11:1-32

*Hymn

Renew Your Church – vv. 1 & 2

CH # 463

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**Renew your church, our ministries restore: both to serve and adore.
Make us again as salt throughout the land, and as light from a stand.
'Mid somber shadows of the night, where greed and hatred spread
their blight, O send us forth with power endued. Help us, God, be
renewed.**

**Teach us your word, reveal its truth divine, on our path let it shine.
Tell of your works, your mighty acts of grace, from each page show
your face. As you have sent you Christ to save, in love to triumph o'er
the grave, O let our hearts with love be stirred, help us, God, know
your word.**

The Good News

Wind and Fire and More

Pastor Paul Day

*Hymn

Renew Your Church – vv. 3 & 4

CH # 463

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**Teach us to pray, for you are ever near, your still voice let us hear.
Our souls are restless 'til they rest in you: Love's design, ever new.
Before your presence keep us still that we may find for us your will
and seek your guidance every day. Teach us, God, how to pray.**

**Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all human
kind! Break down old walls of prejudice and hate, leave us not to our
fate. As you have loved and giv'n your life to end hostility and strife,
O share you grace from heav'n above, teach us, God, how to love.**

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

The ***Strengthen the Church Offering*** reflects the commitment of all settings of the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and

innovation in existing congregations as we work to become a multi-cultural/multi-racial, accessible to all Christian movement.

Offertory: Surely the Presents of the Lord is in this Place “Tom Smith” Piano

***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.**

From Holy Ground - A Prayer to Strengthen the Church

Rev. Dave Long-Higgins

Pastor: Loving God, ground us anew In your deep desire for a fullness of flourishing yearning to rise throughout your whole creation.

People: **Plant us deep in the soil of your love, bursting open seeds often long-forgotten except by you, bearing a strength for blessing and healing in a world of hurt.**

Pastor: Form your self-giving in our deepest selves, giving grace and space for your strength of soul to rise anew in acts of joy-filled giving, bearing unexpected hope in a world weary with worry.

People: **Grow us in your Holy Ground, supplying every needed nutrient of body, mind, and soul in just the right amount, at just the right time, giving rise to a beauty and delight not of our making yet requiring our consent.**

Pastor: Strengthen the covenant of your Christ-formed community with a renewed energy to bear your deep desire into a world that hungers for resurrection risings.

People: **Strengthen your church with your Spirit, that we may strengthen others for your holy work of unfolding abundant, blessed, beloved, joy!**

Pastor: Yes, Loving God, raise us up from your Holy Ground for nothing less than this and let it be more than enough.

People: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Those who wish may come forward to light a candle; please speak into the microphone.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

***Hymn**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

CH # 85

Words: William Whiting; Music: John B. Dykes

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive hear,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where so e'er they go;
thus ever more shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.**

***Charge and Benediction**

Beloved people of God: Go out into the world filled with the Holy Spirit;
let the fiery love of the Spirit set your hearts ablaze.

Let the powerful wind of the Spirit propel you in new ways,
and may the gentle breeze of the Spirit refresh you along the way.

Let the Spirit stop your tongue when listening is the answer,
and may the Spirit give you words when you have none.

Go in peace, and may the Spirit enfold you, comfort you, and keep you,
until we are together again; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Postlude: Battle Hymn of the Republic arr. W. Steffe "Duet Piano/Organ"

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

“The flowers today are in memory of Richard Brobst”

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Note: This service is recorded and streamed on YouTube.

If you are not receiving church emails and would like to, please send an email to nyarmouthcucc@gmail.com asking to be added to the list. Like the NYCC FB page and you will be notified of what is happening there, too!

Offerings can also be made online at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1301940> or text “Give” to 833-751-0314.

THIS WEEK*

Today 10:30 am, Coffee Hour

Mon. – Memorial Day – Office Closed

Tue. 10:00 am, Tuesday Gals

Wed. 6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Next Lord's Day – June 4 – Trinity Sunday

8:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am, Worship Service with Holy Communion

Looking ahead . . .

June 11 – Open House @ Pilgrim Lodge

June 24 – Strawberry Festival

IN OUR PRAYERS*

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

Pilgrim Lodge: Women's Spring Weekend & C.I.T. Training, June 2 – 4

Nation & World: Memorial Day prayers for those who have fallen, and for their families, and for Peace – in Ukraine and all places of conflict; Mental Health Awareness Month

*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.