

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. . . .

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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**The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023 ~ 9:30 a.m.**

Welcome. We pray that you may be blessed through our worship and fellowship today.

* Those who are able may stand.

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

**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

from **1 Peter 2:1-5** (*The Message*)

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: You've had a taste of God; now drink deep of God's pure kindness.

People: **Then we'll become mature and whole in God.**

Pastor: Come to the living Stone, the source of life.

People: **The workers rejected it, but God set it in the place of honor.**

Pastor: Present yourselves as building stones for the construction of a sanctuary vibrant with life

People: **There we'll serve as holy priests offering Christ-approved lives to God.**

***Hymn**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

CH # 275

Words: Latin hymn, tr. John Mason Neale, alt.
Music: Henry T. Smart – **REGENT SQUARE CH # 149**

- 1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one; holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.**
- 2. To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray; and your fullest benediction speak within these walls today.**
- 3. Here bestow on all your servants what they ask of you to gain; what they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain; And hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.**

***Invocation (in unison)**

from **Psalm 31:1-3, 5, 16**

In you, O LORD, we seek refuge;
in your righteousness deliver us.
Incline your ear to us; rescue us speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to save us.
You are indeed our Rock and our Fortress;
for your name's sake lead us and guide us
Into your hand we commit our spirits;
you have redeemed us, O LORD, faithful God.
Let your face shine upon your servants;
in your steadfast love make us whole. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

Christ is risen! – Response: **Yes! I can see him in your face.**

Choir Anthem

Come Share This Feast of Love

Lloyd Larson

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Time with God's Children

Communion Meditation

Cleopas's Story
Luke 24:13-35

Pastor Paul Day

***Hymn**

Come, Risen Lord

CH # 397

Words: George W. Briggs; Music: Eric H. Thiman

- 1. Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
no, let us your guest be — with you dine;
Yourself at your own board be manifest
in this your sacrament of bread and wine.**
- 2. We meet as in that upper room they met;
here at the table, blessing, still you stand:
'This is my body': you are with us yet;
faith still receives the cup as from your hand.**
- 3. We are one body, for we all partake,
one church united in communion blessed;
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,
with all your saints on earth and saints at rest.**
- 4. One with each other, Lord, so let us be,
one with our Savior and our living Head;
Then open now our eyes that we may see;
be known to us in breaking of the bread.**

+ The Sacrament of Holy Communion +

We practice an open communion: All who trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and seek to follow his ways are welcome to share in the sacrament; you do not need to be a member of this church. Please hold the bread until all have been served that we might demonstrate our unity in Christ by eating and drinking at the same time.

Words of Institution & Prayer of Consecration

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.

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

Prayers of the People

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Worship Ways

God has blessed us abundantly. Let us respond to the great grace and offer good things to God with thanksgiving and devotion.

Offertory

***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)

Worship Ways

Risen Lord, you met with your disciples in their sanctuary and walked with them on the road. We give you thanks for you have met us in this sanctuary and walk with us on our roads. Now bless the gifts we bring and empower our witness to your grace and goodness in word and deed. Amen.

*Hymn

For the Bread, Which You Have Broken

CH # 411

Words: Louis Benson; Music: Charles Dickinson

- 1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.**
- 2. By these pledges that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, consecrate our lives, O Lord.**
- 3. In your service, Lord, defend us; help us to obey your word; in the world to which you send us let your will be done, O Lord.**

***Charge and Benediction**

from **1 Peter 2:9-10** (*The Message*)

You are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do God's work and speak out for God, to tell others of the night-and-day difference God made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

Postlude

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

THIS WEEK*

Today 10:30 am, Coffee Hour & ONA Video

Tue. 10:00 am, Tuesday Gals

Wed. 6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Fri. 1:00 pm, Dorothy Haywood Graveside Service
at Walnut Hill Cemetery

7:00 pm, Greater Freeport Community Chorus Concert

Next Lord's Day – May 14 – Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

8:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am, Worship Service

11:00 am, Faith Formation

Looking ahead . . .

May 27 – 9:00 am, Rummage Sale

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: Diana Day, Sandra Hansen Green, Sandra & Vince Golonka, Wayne Malloch, Blanche Mays, Ladd Meyerhoff, Cindy Thompson

Nation & World: Mental Health Awareness Month; Teacher Appreciation Week; Nurses Appreciation Week; Peace in Ukraine and all places of conflict

*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.