

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



Third Sunday of Easter
April 14th, 2024 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Jesse Myers-Wakeman

All Sing: Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Pastor Zeb

Call to Worship

One: Let us be filled with Wonder

All: Christ is with us

One: The age of mercy is upon us

All: Christ is with us

One: Rejoice in the Good News

All: Christ is with us

Let us give praise and worship together

Silent Grounding Prayer

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. — Response: And also with you.

***Hymn**

Praise Him! Praise Him!

CH # 93

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869; Music: Chester G. Allen, 1869 – Public Domain

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O Earth, his wonderful love proclaim! Hail him! Hail him! Highest arch-angels in glory; strength and honor give to his holy name! Like a shepherd Jesus will guard his children, in his arms he carries them all day long:

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness; praise him! Praise him ever in joyful song!

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! For our sins he suffered, and bled and died; he our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation, hail him! Hail him! Jesus, the crucified. Sound his praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows; love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness; praise him! Praise him ever in joyful song!

Praise him! Praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring! Jesus, Savior, reign-eth forever and ever; crown him! Crown him! Prophet and Priest and King! Christ is coming! Over the world victorious, power and glory unto the Lord belong:

Praise him! Praise him! Tell of his excellent greatness; praise him! Praise him ever in joyful song!

Scripture Readings

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3: 1-7

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 36b-48

+ Silent Prayers of Confession +

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem – *Lord, Listen to Your Children* by Ken Medema

Discipleship for All Ages

Message

Pastor Zeb

***Hymn**

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

CH #585

Words: Joseph Scriven, 1855; Music: Charles C. Converse, 1868 – Public Domain

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in Prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Prayers of the People

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.

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory

Jesse Myers-Wakeman

***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)

Beloved God, We give thanks for these gifts today. We give thanks for all our blessings. We dedicate this offering to You and Your service. We promise to spread Your love and peace far and wide. Amen.

***Hymn**

Amazing Grace

CH #546

Words: John Newton, 1779; st. 4 anonymous

Music: Virginia Harmony, 1831; harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;

'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Jesse Myers-Wakeman

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand

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Offerings can also be made online at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1301940>

THIS WEEK*

Today: 10:30 am - Coffee Hour / 11:00 am - Faith Formation

Tuesdays: 10:00 am, Tuesday Gals

Saturday, April 13 – Pet Place pantry at 9:00 am

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock(Pet Pantry Patron), David and Michelle Bickford, Terri Bickford, Candy Burgess, Carol Davis, Louisa and Karl Gerstenberger, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Nolan, Soph and Zeb Green, Blanche Mays, Rey and Ellen Medrano, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Cindy & Bill Tompson, Nancy White, Kathie and Paul McCarthy(Friends from Prides Corner Cong. Church), Eric and Amy Austin and family on the passing of their daughter, Hannah.

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

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