

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21st, 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**

Wonderful Words of Life

CH # 323

Words and Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Sing them over again to me, won-der-ful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, won-der-ful words of life.

Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty;
beautiful words, won-derful words, won-der-ful words of life,
beautiful words, won-derful words, won-der-ful words of life.

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all, won-der-ful words of life;

Sinner, list to the loving call, won-der-ful words of life.
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven;
 beautiful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life,
 beautiful words, won-de-rful words, won-der-ful words of life.

Sweetly echo the gospel call, won-der-ful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, won-der-ful words of life.
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever;
 beautiful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life,
 beautiful words, won-der-ful words, won-der-ful words of life.

Scripture Reading

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3: 16-24

Gospel Reading: John 10: 11-18

+ Silent Prayers of Confession +

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem – *The Lord is my Shepherd* (Psalm 23) by Howard Goodall
Discipleship for All Ages

Message

Pastor Zeb

***Hymn**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

CH #558

Words: Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1836; Music: William B Bradbury, 1859

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us; be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock; from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

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

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

CH #602

Words: Washington Gladden, 1879; Henry Percy Smith, 1874

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly
paths of service free; tell me thy secret;
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
winning word of love; teach me the wayward
feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer,
dearer company, in work that keeps faith
sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the
future's broadening way; in peace that only

thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Jesse Myers-Wakeman

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand

Staff

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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 nyarmouthccucc@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>

THIS WEEK*

Today 10:30 am, Coffee Hour

Tuesdays at -10:00 am, Tuesday Gals

Saturday, April 27 – Church Cleanup Day 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

*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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