

# **First Congregational Church**

United Church of Christ

3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097

Organized in 1806



**Ascension Sunday**  
**May 12th, 2024 ~ 9:30 a.m.**



Leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toll and hours of ease,  
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
Serve and love Thee best of all.

### **Scripture Readings**

Acts of the Apostles: 1: 1-11

Gospel Reading: John 14: 15-27

### **Prayer of Confession, Release, and Blessing**

**Choir Anthem – *Roll Down, Justice!* by Mark A. Miller**  
**Discipleship for All Ages**

**Message**

**Pastor Zeb**

**\*Hymn**

*Standing on the Promises*

CH # 552

Words: Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; Music: William H. Jude, 1874

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God, I shall prevail,

standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
list'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

## **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**

The Mercy-Seat by J. Southbridge

**Peter Dickson**

**\*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 Jesus, I Have Promised*

CH #612

Words: John E. Bode, c. 1868; Music: Arthur H. Mann, 1881

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sound I hear;  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking, in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
that where thou are in glory there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

Contemplation on "Davis" by Nancy Cobb

**Peter Dickson**

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

\* Those who are able may stand.

### Staff

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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  
Faith Formation following worship  
Monday, May 13, Missions Mtg via Zoom  
Tuesday, May 14, Trustees Mtg via Zoom

### 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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