

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



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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 following worship.**

\* Those who are able may stand. **CH** refers to the ***Chalice Hymnal***. Note: Hymns and songs are licensed under One License #A-73187 and CCLI #48404708

**We Gather to Worship God**

**Prelude**

**Jesse Myers-Wakeman**

**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**

**\*Hymn – *I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord***

**CH # 87**

Words & Music: James H. Fillmore (early 20th century)

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing, I will sing,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.**

**With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,  
With my mouth will I make known  
Thy faithfulness to all generations,**

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.**

**Choir Anthem - *God's Gonna Set This World on Fire***

arranged by Moses Hogan & Edwin B. Hogan

**Hymn Sing: Congregants' Choice (choose 1 verse each)**

**\*Hymn – *My Life Flows On***

**CH # 619**

Words & Music: Robert Lowry, 1869, alt.

**My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.**

***Refrain:***

**No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?  
[Refrain]**

**What though my joys and comforts die, I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.  
[Refrain]**

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?  
[Refrain]**

**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**

***Worship Ways***

**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.**

**\*Hymn – *Lift Every Voice and Sing***

**CH # 631**

Words: James Weldon Johnson, 1921

Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

**Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.**

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our people sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.  
We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.**

**Postlude**

**Jesse Myers-Wakeman**

**We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors**

## Staff

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### **THIS WEEK\***

Tuesday, August 22 - 10:00 am, Tuesday Gals

Wednesday, August 23, 7 pm, AA

### **Next Lord's Day – August 27 – The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 am, Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall with guest pastor,  
Rev. Ed Delong.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS\***

**Congregation & Community:** Terri Bickford, Candy & Ron Burgess, Diana Day, Sandra & Vince Golonka, Wayne Malloch, Blanche Mays, Cindy & Bill Thompson

**Nation & World:** Peace in Ukraine and all places of conflict; gun violence; adequate and appropriate shelter for those who are unhoused; devastating fire in Maui Hawaii.

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