

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



First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Jesse Myers-Wakeman

**All Sing: Let All Those Who Thirst
Drink The Water Of Life
Here In The Name Of The Lord**

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Pastor Zeb

Call To Worship

adapted from Psalm 25

One: The paths of God are made with steadfast love and faithfulness to covenant and promise.

Many: Help us to know your ways, O God; teach us Your paths.

One: Lead us in Truth, teach us of Grace, for we pray and dwell in Your Presence.

Many: You teach us humility and to travel in humility.

One: We give our thanks and praise for mercy.

Many: Let our worship and celebrate Your ever-renewing promise.

Amen.

Silent Grounding Prayer

***Passing the Peace**

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

***Hymn**

God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty

CH # 514

Words: Mary S. Edgar, 1925, alt. Music: C. Harold Lowden (20th Century)

God, who touches earth with beauty, make my heart a-new. With your Spirit
recreate me pure and strong and true.

Like your springs and running waters, make me crystal pure. Like your rocks of
towering grandeur, make me strong and sure.

Like your dancing waves in sunlight, make me glad and free. Like the straightness of the pine trees let me up-right be.

Like the arching of the heavens, lift my thoughts above.
Turn my dreams to noble action, ministries of love.

God, who touches earth with beauty, make my heart a-new.
Keep me ever, by your Spirit, pure and strong and true.

Scripture Reading

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 9: 8-17

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

+ Silent Prayers of Confession +

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem – *Call to Lent – J. Jerome Williams*

Discipleship For All Ages

Message

Pastor Zeb

***Hymn**

What Wondrous Love Is This

CH # 200

Words and Music: Appalachian folk hymn

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing!
To god and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"

While millions join the theme, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

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**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

CH #560

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

***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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Today	Coffee Hour	10:30 am
Monday, February 19	President's Day	Office Closed

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock- Pet Pantry Patron, David and Michelle Bickford, Terri Bickford, Candy Burgess, Carol Davis, Janine & Rob Dransfield, Sandra & Vince Golonka, Blanche Mays, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin & 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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