

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



Second Sunday in Lent
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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 22

One: The glory of the Sacred fills us with awe and our hearts can't help but be filled with praise.

Many: God comforts the suffering, feeds the hungry, causes our hearts to dance.

One: God's face is not hidden from us, if we seek, we shall find.

Many: God's mercy will be known to all the ends of the Earth.

One: All people will know God's Love.

Many: May our joy and praise be heard, come let us worship together.

Silent Grounding Prayer

***Passing the Peace**

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

***Hymn**

Rejoice You Pure in Heart

CH# 15

Words: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865, alt.; st. 5 Ruth Duck, 1981

Music: Arthur H. Messiter, 1883

**Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky;
your festive banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

Bright youth and snow crowned age, strong souls and spirits meek,

**raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Yes, on through life's long path, still singing as you go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore.
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God for evermore!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

Scripture Reading

Epistle Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38

+ Silent Prayers of Confession +

Words of Assurance

Choir Anthem – *Abba* by Craig Courtney

Discipleship For All Ages

Message

Pastor Zeb

***Hymn** Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley CH# 211

Words: American spiritual; Music: American spiritual; arr. Bill Thomas, 1994

**Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
he had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for him,
he had to walk it by himself.**

**We must walk this lonesome valley,
we have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us,
we have to walk it by ourselves.**

**You must go and stand your trial,
you have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you,
you have to stand it by yourself.**

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 God of Every Nation

CH# 680

Words: William W. Reid, Jr., 1958 alt.

Music: Finnish folk melody; adapt. And harm. David Evans, 1927

**O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife torn world.**

**From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station that lures us from your way,**

deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray.

**Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

***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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THIS WEEK*

Today 10:30 am, Coffee Hour

Thursday, February 29, 5:30 pm, Community Supper in Fellowship Hall

~Check the calendar for Chicken Pie Sale Prep dates and times.

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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