

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



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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Four Pieces

James Southbridge

**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

Silent Grounding Prayer

Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-30; Hebrews 4:9, 11a

Leader: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

People: **"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."**

Leader: So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God

People: **Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest.**

***Hymn**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

CH # 419

Words: Sylvia Dunstan, 1990

Music: William Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

***Invocation**, followed by **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.

***Passing the Peace**

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

Scripture Readings

First Testament

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

The Gospel

Mark 2:23—3:6

Choir Anthem *Bread for the People of God* by Mark Miller
Discipleship for All Ages

Message – *Time Out, Please*

Rev. Paul A. Day

***Hymn**

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts – vv. 1-4

CH # 101

Words: Latin (12th Century); tr. Ray Palmer, 1858, alt.

Music: Henry Baker, 1854

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of light, greater than pleasure earth imparts, thy love is true and pure delight.

Thy gracious word hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call; to them that seek thee, thou art good; to them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still; we drink of thee, the fountain head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, wher-e'er our changeful lot is cast: glad when thy gracious smile we see; blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright; banish the sin of earth, we pray; shed o'er the world thy holy light.

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory

Elegy

R. Lau

***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)**

Gracious God, we bring ordinary gifts – the fruits of the earth and the fruits of our labors. Use these gifts – and use us – in the service of your kingdom of love; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ The Sacrament of Holy Communion +

We practice an open communion. All who trust in Jesus Christ and seek to follow God's ways are welcome to share the sacrament. You do not need to be a member of this congregation. Please hold the bread and the cup until all have been served, that we might symbolize our unity in Christ by partaking all at the same time.

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Loving God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. You have nourished our minds and spirits through word and sacrament. You give us rest for our bodies and peace for our souls. Send us back into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart. Amen.

***Hymn**

I've Got Peace Like a River

CH # 530

Words and Music: African-American spiritual

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul,
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul,
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean, In my soul,
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean, In my soul.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Point D'Orgue sur les Grands Jeux

N. DeGringny

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand

Thank you to Pastor Paul A. Day for serving as our guest pastor this morning.

Staff

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THIS WEEK

Today 10:30 am, Coffee Hour

Wednesday, June 5, Youth Group and Choir with Simple Dinner at 5:45pm in the Community Room

Friday, June 7, Greely High School Lacrosse banquet in Fellowship Hall, 5pm.

Saturday, June 8, Pet Pantry – 9-10am

Coming Up

Saturday, June 22, Strawberry Festival – 1-3 pm.

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock(Pet Pantry Patron), Kim Bailey, 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, Kathie and Paul McCarthy(Prides Corner Cong. Church friends), Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Cindy & Bill Tompson, Nancy White

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