

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Trios #1,2,3,7,9 op 49

J. Rheinberger

**All Sing: God welcomes all! Strangers and friends!
God's love is strong! And it never ends!**

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Pastor Zeb

Call to Worship

One: God gives generously to all

All: We ask God for Wisdom

One: God's Word speaks to us

All: We will be hearers and doers of the Word

One: Share the Word in prayer

All: We will pray and sing psalms of praise

Come let us worship together

Grounding Prayer

***Passing the Peace**

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

***Hymn**

Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven

CH # 23

Words: Henry Lyte (1793-1847); Public Domain; adapt. Ecumenical Women's
Center and Ruth Duck, 1974; Tune: John Goss, 1869 Public Domain

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven, glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, for-given, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all our days.

Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed.
God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!

Mother like, God tends and spares us, knowing well our fragile frame.
Father like, God gently bears us, tender hearted, slow to blame.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All with-in me praise God's name!

Frail as summer's flower we flourish: blows the wind, and it is gone.
But, while mortals rise and perish, God's compassion still lives on.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the high eternal One!

Angels, teach us adoration you who see God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Scripture Readings

Epistle Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Prayer for Confession, Release, and Blessing

Choir Anthem Lord of the Dance arr. Don Hart

Discipleship for All Ages

Message Pastor Zeb

***Hymn** 'Tis the Gift to Be Simple CH # 568
Words: Shaker song (18th century);
Music: Shaker melody; arr. Margaret W. Mealy, 1984

"This the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend
we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn,
will be our delight till by turning, turning we come round right.

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 Breathe on Me, Breath of God R. Jackson

***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** Trust and Obey CH # 556

Words: John H. Sammis 1887; Music: Daniel B. Towner, 1887

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he a-bides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
 Trust and o-bey, for there's no other way
 to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a bur-den we bear, not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he will richly re-pay;
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and o-bey.
 Trust and o-bey, for there's no other way

to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

But we nev-er can prove the de-lights of his love
until all on the al-tar we lay;
for the favor he shows, for the joy he be-stows,
are for them who will trust and o-bey.

Trust and o-bey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and o-bey.

Trust and o-bey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Jubilant Ringing

P. Lehenbauer

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand

***The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in celebration of Priscilla Brobst's birthday from Ricky, Shirl, Steve and Sara.**

Staff

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THIS WEEK*

Today - 10:30 am, Coffee Hour
10:30 am, Council Meeting
12:30 pm, New Member Meeting

Tuesday Gals, September 17 - 10am in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, September 18 - 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 29 – 8:30am – Choir Rehearsal
Homecoming Sunday

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock-Pet Pantry Patron, David and Michelle Bickford, Terri Bickford, Candy Burgess, Carol Davis, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Blanche Mays, Rey and Ellen Medrano, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Susanellen Stearns, Cindy & Bill Tompson, Nancy White

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