

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



Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Spiritual Sunday
Down by the Riverside
Christians, We Have Met to Worship
Shall We Gather at the River?
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

M. Kim
J. Stallsmith
D. Kidwell
M. Kim

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**

We Gather Together

CH # 276

Words: Nederlandsche Gedenckclanck, 1626; tr. Theodore Baker, 1894; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981; Music: Dutch melody (16 century); arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will be known.

Beside us to guide us, O God we perceive you
ordaining, maintaining the power of life.

Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story.
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.

We all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant,
defend us, be-friend us, what-ever may be.
May your congregation escape tribulation.
Your Name be praised forever, O God, make us free!

Scripture Readings

Epistle Reading: James 5:13-20

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

Prayer for Confession, Release, and Blessing

Choir Anthem

Amazing Grace

arr. John Coates, Jr.

Discipleship for All Ages

Dedication of Prayer Shawls - Adapted from James 5:13-17

Minister: Is anyone among you in trouble?

All: Let them pray

Minister: Is anyone happy?

All: Let them sing songs of praise.

Minister: Is anyone among you sick?

All: Let them call the elders for prayer and anointing in the name of the Lord.

Minister: Prayer offered in faith will bring comfort to the afflicted.

All: God will lift us up.

Minister: Please come forward and lay your hands on and pray over these shawls
to provide healing and love for those in need.

Message

Pastor Zeb

***Hymn**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

CH # 501

Words and Music: African-American spiritual; Music; arr. by Harold Moyer

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all!"
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge He'll never refuse to lend.
There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

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 Amazing Grace "Canonic Pastorale" J. Greene

***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 Master, Let Me Walk with Thee CH # 602
 Words: Washington Gladden, 1879; Henry Percy Smith, 1874

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly
paths of service free; tell me thy secret;
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,

winning word of love; teach me the wayward
feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer,
dearer company, in work that keeps faith
sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the
future's broadening way; in peace that only
thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Deep River

R. Thompson

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

*** Those who are able may stand**

Staff

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Offerings can also be made online at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1301940>.

THIS WEEK*

Today - 10:30 am, Coffee Hour/Homecoming Sunday

Tuesday Gals, September 17 - 10am in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 18 - 6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal

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, Nancy Thomas, 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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