

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



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Variations on Azmon

Lasky, Lau, Cooman

**All Sing: 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: Hallelujah

All: Praise God in this sanctuary;

One: Praise God for the divine deeds;

Many: Praise God's greatness!

One: Let everything that breathes praise Adonai

Many: Hallelujah

Grounding Prayer

***Passing the Peace**

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

***Hymn**

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

CH#277

Words: Attr. George Atkins (19th C.); alt.

Music: William Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the living God;
will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down; Christians,
pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?
Tell them all about the Savior, how in Christ the lost are found.
Pray, oh pray, and holy manna will be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;
let us pray for all earth's people till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven, at the table we'll sit down;
Christ will welcome us and serve us living manna all around.

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Psalm 146: 1-10

Gospel Reading: Mark 12: 28-34

Choir Anthem Anthem for Communion Robert Lowry/arr. Jay Althouse

Discipleship for All Ages

Message

Pastor Zeb

***Hymn Let Us Break Bread Together CH #425**

African-American Spiritual; arr. Carleton R. Young, alt.

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Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, Have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, Have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, Have mercy on me.

+ 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.

Prayer of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Beloved God,

Gathered at your table, we give our deepest thanks

**Thank you for this meal and for nourishing our bodies
and our spirits.**

**May we be inspired to answer Your call
to follow in Your example of love and service.**

As You abide in us, may we abide in You.

Amen.

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

God Cares for Me

Robert J. Powell

***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**

In Christ There Is No East or West

CH #687

Words: John Oxenham, 1908, alt. ; Music: Alexander R. Reinagle c. 1830

In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north, but one community
of love through-out the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find; his service is the
golden cord close-binding human kind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-e'er
your race may be; all children of the
living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west in
him meet south and north; all loving hearts
are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Robert Powell

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand.

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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 Diaconate following worship
Tuesday, November 5 – 10:00am - Tuesday Gals
Tuesday, November 5 – Choir – 6:30pm – Sunday, November 10 - 8:30am.
Assembling Chicken Pies the week of November 4-8. Check your weekly news!

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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