

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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Transfiguration Sunday
March 2, 2025 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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***Those who are able may stand.**

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

**All Sing: There is more Love somewhere
There is more Love somewhere
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it
There is more Love somewhere
- African-American Spiritual**

Welcome and Announcements

Grounding Prayer

Psalm 99:1-6, altered

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion; God is exalted over all peoples.
Let us praise God's great and awesome name. Holy is God!
Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you execute justice and righteousness among nations.
We extol you, LORD our God, and worship at his footstool.
Holy are you, O God! Amen.

Call to Worship

from ***Worship Ways***

Leader: The call of the Holy One has brought us together.
People: **We have been called to pray and to praise.**
Leader: We are called to worship and to holy wonder.
People: **May the light of Love burn brightly in us.**
Leader: May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds.
People: **May it become a beacon of hope for others.**

Hymn – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CH # 66

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867. Alt. Music: Welsh folk melody

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy
great name we praise.**

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praises we render: O help us to see that only the splendor of light hideth thee.

***Invocation (in unison)**

from *Worship Ways*

God of mountaintops and valleys and everywhere in between, thank you for meeting us where we are. Thank you for leading us to this place of prayer and renewal. Enlighten our minds, radiate our hearts, and ready us for your Word of Grace. Let it shine in and through us, lighting a path of joy, hope, and love. May your transforming power, shown forth in Jesus Christ, shine in us for the good of the world. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

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

Choir Anthem – *To The Table*

Jesse Myers-Wakeman

The Gospel for Today

Luke 9:28b-36

Discipleship for All Ages

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Exodus 34:29-35

New Testament

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Hymn – *Break Thou the Bread of Life

CH # 321

Words: Ralph Wright, 1989, alt.

Music: William Moore, Columbia Harmony, 1825; harm. Charles Anders, 1969, alt

Sing of one who walks beside us and this day is living still, one who now is closer to us than the thoughts our hearts distill, Christ who once upon a

hilltop, raised against the power of sin, died in love as his own creatures crucified their God and Friend!

We have walked with him as strangers through the journey of the day, and have told him of the violence that has swept our hope away. He has offered words of comfort, words of energy and light. Did our hearts not blaze within us as he broke the bread this night?

Risen one, stay with us, raise us, once again the night is near. Dine with us and share your wisdom, free our hearts from ev'ry fear. In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of each dawn, if you hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.

Communion Meditation: *Veils*

Paul A. Day

A Prayer for Transformation (in unison)

Holy God, it is easy to live with our eyes veiled. Too often, we have hidden from the hard realities within us and around us. We have shielded your light of Love, instead of sharing it. Something deep within has often hardened our hearts, leading to inertia and unfreedom. But there is a deeper longing within. We hunger for the forgiveness and renewal you revealed in Jesus Christ. Forgive us, Holy One. Unveil our eyes and our hearts. With your shining love, light the path of forgiveness that we may know the New Life you revealed in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Grace

Hear the good news! Do not lose heart! God is merciful. Bit by bit, we are being transformed into the image of God's glory made known in Jesus Christ. In our turning, God forgives us and unveils our lives. Thanks be to God! May the forgiving light of God's love shine through us, and bear the hope of a new beginning to others. Amen.

+ The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God +

Offertory

*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

We bring to you, O Lord, the fruits of our labors, the fruit of the earth, and the fruit of the vine. By your shining Light transform these gifts that they may reveal your love to us, and through us to the world around us; for we pray in the name of your Son, who taught us to pray:

***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 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

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Hymn – *'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Tune: SWABIA

Words: Joseph A. Robinson; Tune: J. S. Bach

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with un-borrowed light.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand. Thy messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified. And your redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death, We see Thy kingdom come; We long to hold the
vision bright and make this hill our home.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain; But since Thou bidst us
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

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

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THIS WEEK*

Today - 10:30 am, Coffee Hour
Today – Diaconate following Worship
Tuesday, March 4 – Tuesday Gals at 10am / Bylaws Meeting at 10:30am.
Tuesday, March 4 - Book Group at 5:30 pm.

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock-Pet Pantry Patron, David and Michelle Bickford, Terri Bickford, Candy Burgess, Carol Davis, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Linda Lambrides, Blanche Mays, Rey and Ellen Medrano, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Susanellen Stearns, Cindy & Bill Tompson, Nancy White, the People of North Carolina, The Black Mountain Orphanage, Southern California, Pope Francis.

*Please submit items for the Church Calendar or the Prayer List to Lyn Glassock by Tuesday in order to be included in the bulletin. Thank You.

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