

**First Congregational Church**  
United Church of Christ  
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097  
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**Second Sunday of Easter**  
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**David Myers-Wakeman**

**Prelude**

**All Sing:** You are welcome here; come as you are.  
You are welcome here with open arms.  
Bring your joys and bring your cares,  
Bring the love you have to share.  
You are welcome here; come as you are.  
-Words by Chris Muglia; Tune by David Myers-Wakeman

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Invocation**

Lord, into your most holy presence we now come. Calm our anxious spirits.  
Remove the distractions that would keep us from you here today. Break down  
the walls of separation that we have built to keep you from our hardened hearts.  
Lead us in joy and celebration of the only reality worth knowing: that you love us  
as we are. Fill us up to the top of our souls with the presence of your holy spirit  
this day and every day. Amen.

**Call to Worship - Psalm 150**

One: Praise God!  
Praise God in the sanctuary;  
All: **praise God in the mighty firmament!**  
One: Praise God for mighty deeds;  
All: **praise God for exceeding greatness!**  
One: Praise God with trumpet sound;  
All: **praise God with lute and harp!**  
One: Praise God with tambourine and dance;  
All: **praise God with strings and pipe!**  
One: Praise God with clanging cymbals;  
All: **praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**  
One: Let everything that breathes praise God!  
All: **Praise God!**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

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

**\*Hymn**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”  
Words and Music: Clara H. Scott, 1895

CH #586

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Scripture**

**Matthew 6:1-8**

**Romans 8: 26-30**

**Choir Anthem – *Fill-a-Me Up* – Pepper Choplin**

**Message**

“Pray Like No One’s Watching”

David Myers-Wakeman

**\*Hymn**

“Day by Day”

CH #599

Words: Attr. Richard of Chichester (13th century), alt.

Music: Stephen Schwartz, 1971

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly, day by day. Day by day, by day, by day, by day.

**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**

**\*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.

### **\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Hymn** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" CH #592  
Words: African-American spiritual  
Music: African-American spiritual; adapt. And arr. William F. Smith 1986

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.  
All around me looks so fine, ask my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Jordan River chilly and cold, chills the body, not the soul.  
Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

I have heartache, I have woe, I have trouble here below.  
While God leads me I'll not fear, I am sheltered by God's care.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

### **\*Benediction**

One: Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**All: Take us and use us to love and serve you, and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Postlude**

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

\* Those who are able may stand.

The Scripture readers for today are Leslie Eastman and Jeanne Chadbourne

### Staff

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### **TODAY**

Today - 10:30 am, Coffee Hour

Tuesday, April 29 – 10 am – Tuesday Gals

Saturday, May 3 – 9am - Spring Clean

### **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, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanellen Stearns, Nancy White, The People of North Carolina, The Black Mountain Orphanage, Southern California, Pope Frances.

\*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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