

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



Second Sunday After Pentecost
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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

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

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to you this day, with burdens and cares in our hearts.
People: Lord, take these burdens from us and ease our souls.

Leader: We come to you this day, with fear and uncertainty about the future.
People: Lord, calm our fears and help us to place our trust in you.

Leader: Come, let us worship God whose love is abundant.
**People: Let us praise the God of our salvation who watches over us
always. AMEN.**

Grounding Prayer (Unison)

**Open our hearts today, O Lord, to feel the powerful strength and love you
have for us. Help us to listen, not only with our ears, but with our spirits for
your words of compassion and healing. Enable us to become more faithful
disciples for you; for we ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.
AMEN.**

***Passing the Peace**

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

***Hymn** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" CH #25
Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt; st. 4 tr. Rupert E. Davies,
1983 Music: Erneueren Gesangbuch, 1665; desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.
O my soul, worship the well-spring of health and salvation.
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on winds of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been granted
In what God ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee. Surely God's good-ness and
mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder a-new what the Almighty can do who with
Great love doth be-friend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore
thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading
The wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peoples and races,
All that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.
Let the A-men sound from God's people again.
Gladly forever sing praises.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 65:1-9

Luke 8:26-39

Discipleship for All Ages

Message ***"But, What About the Pigs?"***

Rose Stansfield

***Hymn**

"This Is My Father's World"

CH #59

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, alt. Public Domain

Music: Traditional English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all nature sings and round me
rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the
thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; God's hands the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the
flowers bright, declare their Maker's praise. Our God has made this world and
shines in all that's fair; in rustling grass I hear God pass, who speaks to me
everywhere.

Our God has made this world; oh, let us ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair. All earth and trees, the skies and seas, God's creatures everywhere.

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.

***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 Jesus, I Have Promised"
Words: John E. Bode, c. 1868; Music: Arthur H. Mann, 1881

CH #612

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sound I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking, in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou are in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand

Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Paul A. Day as of June 29th.

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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

Tuesday, June 24 – 6 pm – Journey Together

Friday, July 4 – Church Closed in observance of Independence Day

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, 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.

*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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