

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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JOY
PEACE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GENEROSITY
FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL

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Open and Affirming Sunday
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* Those who are able may stand
Bold type indicates Congregational Responses

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

Grounding Prayer & Lighting the Peace Candle

***Passing the Peace**

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

***Call to Worship**

from Psalm 145

One: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: **Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

One: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

All: **One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.**

One: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: **The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

Hymn – *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

CH # 720

Words: Katherine Lee Bates, 1893; Music: Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed full grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold re-fine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God
mend thine every flaw; confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Invocation & The Lord's Prayer

One: Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. We pray as Christ has taught us:

All: **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.**

Scripture Readings

The Gospel

The Epistle

Luke 9:51-55

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Discipleship for All Ages

The Good News: Faith & Freedom

Pastor Paul Day

Nicene Affirmation of Faith

CH # 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn – *They'll Know We Are Christians

CH # 494

Words and Music: Peter Scholtes, 1966

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response – *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

CH # 306

Words: Psalm 143:1; Music George Whelpton, 1897

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer,
O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. 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 – *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

CH # 705

Words: Julia Ward Howe, 1861, alt.

Music: American camp-meeting tune (19th century)

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
as he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
while God is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

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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, July 1 – 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.

Pilgrim Lodge: *Camp Pride* (Gr. 7-12 & new graduates)

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

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