

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



Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here. — The United Church of Christ

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Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. **Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV)**

**We Gather to Worship God**

\*Those who are able may stand.

**Bold** type indicates Congregational Responses

**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**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9**

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those God redeemed from trouble  
and gathered from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**

Pastor: Let us thank the LORD for God's steadfast love,  
for God's wonderful works to humankind.

People: **For God satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry God fills with good things.**

\*Hymn – *Gather Us In*

CH # 28

Words and music: Marty Haugen, 1981

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in; our spirits in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-waken; we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in the rich and the haughty; gather us in the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we receive new life in the waters; here we receive the bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us a-new to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not just in build-ings, small and confining, not in some heaven, light year away, here in this place the new light is shining; now is God present, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us for-ever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### **Invocation**

O Lord, gladly we gather in your house this morning. Gladly we sing and pray in fellowship with your people. But we are most glad that here you nourish our souls through your Holy Word and the sacrament of Holy Communion. For we have gathered in Jesus' name and pray as Jesus has taught us:

### **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.  
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.**

### **\*Passing the Peace**

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

**Scripture Readings**  
**The First Testament**  
**The Gospel**

**(New Revised Standard Version)**  
**Ecclesiastes 1:1-9**  
**Luke 12:13-21**

## **Discipleship for All Ages**

### **\*Hymn – *This Is the Day***

**CH # 286**

Words: Psalm 118:24, para. Les Garret, 1967; Music: Les Garret, 1967

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day; this is the day that the Lord has made.

### **The Good News: *Are You Rich toward God?***

**Pastor Paul Day**

**+ Silent Reflection +**

### **Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

***Worship Ways***

**Holy God, too often we seem determined to turn away from you. You, keep calling us to turn back to you and your ways. We pray for fortitude to remain on the path set by Jesus and to embody the ministry of Christ in the world. Deliver us from everything that distracts us. Empower us to do the work you have called us to do. Most of all, grant us grace to be the people you have made us to be. Amen.**

### **Words of Grace**

Beloved, you have received an inheritance of riches in God. The treasures of hope, strength, encouragement, peace, grace, joy, rest, and love are yours to claim. They are yours to live. Receive them freely and abundantly.

### **+ 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.

### **Invitation to the Table**

**\*Hymn – *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* – vv. 1, 2 & 3**

**CH # 101**

Words: Latin (12th Century); tr. Ray Palmer, 1858, alt. Music: Henry Baker, 1854

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of light, greater than pleasure earth imparts, thy love is true and pure delight.

Thy gracious word hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call; to them that seek thee, thou art good; to them that find thee, all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still; we drink of thee, the fountain head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

**+ The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God +**

Having received the gifts of God, let us seek the kingdom and return a portion of our abundance to the ministry of this faith community so that our collective offering will bless God and God's people.

**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)**

**Holy One, bless these offerings, prosper the work of our hands, and the gifts we bring. We dedicate them to your kingdom forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn – *Take My Life* – vv. 1, 2, 5 & 6**

**CH # 609**

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874; Music: H.A. Cear Malan, 1827

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in endless praise,  
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

**We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors**

### **Staff**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Paul A. Day  
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Note: This service is recorded and streamed on YouTube.

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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 – 10:00 am - Tuesday Gals  
6:00 pm – Journey Together

### **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

**Wider World:** People recovering from disasters in Texas, No. Carolina, So. California, and elsewhere; Black Mountain Orphanage; Peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and elsewhere.

\*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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