

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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The fundamental fact of existence is that trust in God—faith—is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd. By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word, what we see created by what we don't see.

Hebrews 11:1-3 (*The Message*)

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**

from **Psalm 50**

Pastor: The mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Pastor: Our God comes and does not keep silence, and the heavens declare God's righteousness and justice.

People: **Out of justice and righteousness, God shines forth.**

Pastor: God speaks, "I am God, your God!" and receives our thanksgiving, honor, and praise.

People: **Out of our worship and witness, God shines forth.**

Hymn – *We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

CH # 64

Words: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.; Music: Gesangbuch der H. W. K. Hofkapelle, 1784

We sing your mighty power, O God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at your command, and all the stars obey.

We sing your goodness, sovereign God, who filled the earth with food;
you formed the creatures with your word, and then pronounced them good.

Oh! how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes:
if we survey the ground we tread, or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne.
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

Invocation

Wonderful God, we bring our songs and prayers, our hopes and hesitations, our faith and our disbelief before you. Reveal your kingdom to us in this time of gathering so that we may be firm and steadfast in love and action to make your way known. Show us your way that we may follow you without distraction or detour. By your Spirit enliven, challenge, and guide us in all things and for all days; for we 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**

**Isaiah 1:1-2, 10-20
Luke 12:22-34**

Discipleship for All Ages

The Good News: *What, Me Worry?*

Pastor Paul Day

Hymn – *Sweet Hour of Prayer!

CH # 570

Words: William Walford, 1845; Music: William B. Bradbury, 1861

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel; the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Prayers of the People

+ The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God +

We honor our Creator by offering our gifts of service, action, compassion, financial and material resources, and energy to the continuing ministry of the Body of Christ. Let us give with divinely-inspired and empowered generosity trusting God to provide for all needs, individually and collectively.

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)**

Worship Ways

Generous God, receive our offerings and endow us with wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of your abundant blessings. Amen.

***Hymn – Blessed Assurance**

CH # 543

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873; Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this in my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this in my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this in my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

***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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If you are not receiving church emails and would like to, please send an email to nyarmouthccucc@gmail.com asking to be added to the list. Like the NYCC FB page and you will be notified of what is happening there, too!

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 / Trustees Meeting
Saturday – 7:30am – Men's Club Breakfast-Toddy Brook / Fellowship Hall Rental – 3-7pm.

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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