

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here. — The United Church of Christ

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Faith Formation Sunday
American Indian Ministry Sunday

September 28, 2025 ~ 9:30 a.m.

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Sonata #4 Movements 1&2

J. Rheinberger

Welcome and Announcements

All Sing: Alexandria Gomez, Daniel Peña, and Anthony Gomez

**Holy Spirit, you are welcome in this place.
Let your glory come and move; Lord, have your way.
Come and fill our hearts with joy we can't contain.
In your presence we are free. (x2)**

Grounding Prayer & Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

Psalm 91:1-4, 14-16

Pastor: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."

People: **For God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;**

Pastor: God will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;

People: **God's faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

Pastor: God says, "Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.

People: **"When they call to me, I will answer them . . .
and show them my salvation."**

***Hymn – Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above – vv. 1, 2 & 4**

CH # 6

Words: Johann J. Schutz, 1675; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1864, alt.

Music: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesange, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled; to God all praise and glory.

Our God is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own God's power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: to God all praise and glory.

Invocation & 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.**

Choir Anthem – *Amazing Grace*

arr. John Coates, Jr.

Discipleship for All Ages

(Children may be dismissed to Sunday School)

Hymn – *His Eye Is on the Sparrow

CH # 82

Words: Civilla D. Martin, 1905; Music: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Scripture Readings
The Gospel
The Epistle

First Nations Version
Luke 16:19-31
1 Timothy 6:6-19

The Good News: “*Living in a Sacred Way*”

Pastor Paul Day

Prayers of the People

+ The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God +

Offertory

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J. Weber

***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

**Holy One, receive these gifts as expressions of trust and love for you and
care and love for your beloved. Magnify them for your glory and bless those
who give in faithfulness and hope. Amen.**

Hymn – *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

CH # 606

Words: Robert L. Edwards, 1961

Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted, gain thru powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Nettleton

D. Maxwell

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

*Those who are able may stand.

Bold type indicates Congregational Responses

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THIS WEEK*

Today 10:30 am, Coffee Hour & Discussion

Tue. 10:00 am, Tuesday Gals

Wed. 6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Next Lord's Day, October 5 – World Communion Sunday

8:30 am, Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am, Worship – Neighbors in Need offering

Guest Minister: Rev. Deborah Loomis Lafond

10:30 am, Coffee Hour

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock, 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.

Staff

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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>.

*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.