

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

The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints Sunday/All Souls Day
November 2, 2025 ~ 9:30 a.m.

We Gather to Worship God

*Those who are able may stand.

Bold type indicates Congregational Responses

Prelude – Partita on Woodbird

Rebecca te Velde

Welcome and Announcements

All Sing:

Abbie Bentinis

Love, love, love.

All we need is love, love, love.

All we need is...

(repeat as directed)

Grounding Prayer & Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

Psalm 32:1-2, 7-8, 10-11

Pastor: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

People: **Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Pastor: God is a hiding place for me and preserves me from trouble;
God surrounds me with glad cries of deliverance.

People: **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Pastor: Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

People: **I will be glad in the LORD and rejoice, and shout for joy!**

***Hymn – I Come with Joy – vv. 1, 2 & 3**

CH # 420

Words: Brian Wren, 1969; rev. 1982, 1995

Music: Southern Harmony, 1835; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1987

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I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

Invocation

– Psalm 32:3-6a

While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night
your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I

acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray—

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.**

Mission Moment

Sandy Swett, Harrison Food Bank

(Children may be dismissed to Sunday School)

Choir Anthem – *Be Still and Know* - Steven Curtis Chapman; arr. Thomas Grassi

Gospel Readings

Luke 6:20-31 & 19:1-10

Communion Meditation: *Enlarging the Table*

Pastor Paul Day

+ The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves to God +

As we are invited into the story of Jesus the Christ, we are transformed by Divine love. Like Zacchaeus, we discover how we are to share our gifts of treasures, time, and talents. We are given holy opportunities to invite Christ into our space. Let us celebrate our transformation by the gifts we share

Offertory – *Variations on Old Hundredth*

W. Held

***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)**

God of Abraham, thank you for seeking us and inviting us to take our place at your Table as your daughters and sons. We bring our gifts of bread and wine, money and items for the food pantry, as well as our time and talents that your boundless love may be revealed to us and through us; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn – *Here, at Thy Table, Lord

CH # 384

Words: may P. Hoyte (19th Century) Music: William F. Sherwin, 1877

Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour,
O let us feel thee near, in loving power;
calling our thoughts away from self and sin.
As to thy banquet hall we enter in.

Sit at the feast, Lord, break thou the bread;
fill thou the cup that brings life to the dead;
that we may find in thee, pardon and peace;

and from all bondage win a full release.

Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray;
touch with thy pierced hand each common day;
making this earthly life full of thy grace,
till in the home of heaven we find our place.

+ The Sacrament of Holy Communion +

Invitation to the Lord's Table & Words of Institution

Apostolic Affirmation of Faith

CH # 359

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting, Amen.

Recognizing the Communion of Saints

You may speak aloud the name of a member of the Church family or other Loved Ones who have joined the Church Triumphant.

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

We practice an Open Communion: All who seek God's grace in Jesus Christ are welcome to partake of the Bread & the Cup.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

We share our Joys & Concerns as we pray with and for one another, our community and our world.

***Hymn – *For All the Saints* – vv. 1, 2, 3 & 5**

CH # 637

Words: William W. How, 1864, alt. Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: their strength and solace in the well fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light. Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, company divine! We live and struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in
thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the
countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, alleluia!

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude - *Boundless Mercy*

A Giamanco

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

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*The flowers today are in memory of Shirley Lake on her birthday.

THIS WEEK*

Today 10:30 am, Coffee Hour / Choir Advent Kick-off Lunch
Tue. 10:00 am, Tuesday Gals
Wed. 6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Next Lord's Day, November 9 – Stewardship Sunday
8:30 am, Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am, Worship
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, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susannellen Stearns, Nancy White

Wider World: People recovering from natural disasters in the U.S. and around the world; Black Mountain Orphanage; Peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and elsewhere.

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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.