

**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-third Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Bible Sunday**  
**November 16, 2025 ~ 9:30 a.m.**

## **We Gather to Worship God**

\*Those who are able may stand.

**Bold** type indicates Congregational Responses

**Prelude – Triptych on The Shepherd Psalm**  
**Adagio Sostenuto OP. 76**

G. Martin  
J. Haydn

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Grounding Prayer & Lighting the Peace Candle**

**All Sing:**

Abbie Bentinis

**Love, love, love. All we need is love, love, love.**  
**All we need is...** (repeat as directed)

**Call to Worship**

***Living Psalm # 98***

Pastor: Let us raise our voices in joyful song for the Lord has done wonders for us  
and for all creation.

People: **Let us shout out in praise for the One who has saved us and loved us  
more than we deserve.**

Pastor: Let us gather together with our instruments and play them with joy;  
for the Lord has done great things.

People: **Let us join with all creation in praising the One who will render  
judgement, who will make all things right.**

**\*Hymn – *Earth and All Stars!* – vv. 1, 2 & 3**

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Earth and all stars! Come, rushing planets!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Order from chaos! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvelous things. We too will praise him with a new song!

Hail, wind and rain! Come, blowing snow storms!

Sing to the Lord a new song! Flowers and trees!

Soft rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new Song!

God has done marvelous things. We too will praise him with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes! Loud, clashing symbols!

Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre!

Low humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!

God has done marvelous things. We too will praise him with a new song!

**Invocation**

***Worship Ways***

Like the sunlight, Lord, your Presence illuminates the world around us. Like the air, your Being invigorates us. Even when the world seems to be on fire, your quenching rain soothes our souls. Through your wisdom, we find our hope and strength. Fill our minds with your peace and our hearts with fortitude, knowing you will never depart from us. We pray as Jesus 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.**

**Choir Anthem – *Celtic Laud*** - Lyrics: Pamela Martin; Music: Craig Courtney  
**Discipleship for All Ages** (Children may be dismissed to Sunday School)

### **Scripture Readings**

**The Gospel**

**Luke 21:5-19**

**The Epistle**

**2 Timothy 3:10-16**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### ***The Book of Common Prayer***

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Good News: *Endurance Training***

**Pastor Paul Day**

### **\*Hymn – *Your Words to Me Are Life and Health***

**CH # 324**

Words: George Currie Martin, c. 1920, alt.

Music: Thomas Este's Whole book of Psalms, 1592

Your words to me are life and health; pour strength into my soul; enable, guide, and teach my heart to reach its perfect goal!

Your words to me are light and truth; from day to day they show their wisdom, passing earthly lore, as in their truth I grow.

Your words to me are full of joy, of beauty, peace, and grace;  
from them I learn your blessed will, through them I see your face.

Your words you have fulfilled on earth, yourself, the living Word; within my heart your image print in clearest lines, O Lord.

## **Prayers of the People**

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

**Offertory – *Meditation on Martyrdom***

Craig Penfield

**\*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)**

from ***Worship Ways***

Creator God, Source of All Energy, we see how your gifts transform hearts, minds, and souls. May your wisdom continue to strengthen our spirits. Through our gifts of treasures, talents, and time, may we serve your children, so that all are thriving. Through our endurance and compassion, may we help to build your realm here on earth. Amen.

**\*Hymn – *For the Healing of the Nations* – vv. 1 & 2**

**CH # 668**

Words: Fred Kaan, 1965; Music: John Hughes, 1907

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our  
word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope  
increase, (hope increase) fear will die and hope increase.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Response: *Love, Love Love . . .***

**Postlude – *Toccata on Cwm Rhondda***

J. Biery

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

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## THIS WEEK\*

Today 10:30 am, Coffee Hour  
Tue. 10:00 am, Tuesday Gals  
Wed. 6:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal  
Sat. 9:00 am, Christmas Fair  
Next Lord's Day, November 23– Thanksgiving Sunday  
8:30 am, Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 am, Worship  
10:30 am, Coffee Hour

## IN OUR PRAYERS\*

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock, Terri Bickford, Candy Burgess, Carol Davis, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Linda Lambrides, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanellen 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.

### Staff

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Paul A. Day  
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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.