

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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The Second Sunday in Eastertide
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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Bringing in the Light of Christ

9:30 a.m.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Biggar, Interim Pastor

**Gathering Music # 297 “Dona Nobis Pacem”
Words: Traditional Latin Music: Traditional**

**Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.
Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.
Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.**

Call to Worship *from Psalm 16*

Come, bless the Lord,
in whom we find our refuge and safety.

**You are our God;
all good things come from You.**

Come, bless the Lord,
who gives us a rich inheritance,
and surrounds us with abundance.

**You are our God;
our lives are in your hands.**

Come, bless the Lord,
who guides us on our journeys,
whose presence strengthens and sustains us.

**You are our God;
we will not be shaken.**

Let's worship God together!

***Hymn # 230 “Now the Green Blade Rises”**

Words: John M.C. Crum, 1928 Music: French carol

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid the love by hatred slain,
thinking that Jesus would not wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Christ came forth at Easter, like the risen grain,
who that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, the risen Christ is seen;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Gracious and Eternal God,
You are the one who calls us together
and the one who sends us out in the world.
Remind us, as we gather,
how good it is to dwell with You and one another.
Stir our hearts to love boldly, freely, and joyfully.
Let us praise You with our whole lives
and magnify Your name by our works.
We bless and honor You, O Faithful One,
from generation to generation and from community to community.
Speak to our spirits and receive our worship. AMEN

Choir Anthem – “Alleluia, Sing This Day”

David W. Music

Discipleship for All Ages

Hymn for All Ages # 227 “In the Garden” (verses 1 and 2)

Words and Music: C. Austin Miles, 1913

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is

still on the roses; and the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses. And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own, and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the
birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me
within my heart is ringing. And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
and he tells me I am his own, and the joy we share, as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.

Introduction to Scripture

Rev. Biggar

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-29

Meditation "Honest Doubt"

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

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. And 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.

Invitation to Offering

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** *from Psalm 16 and John 20* (in unison)

Jesus our Protector and Savior,
we thank you for every gift you have given us
that brings us delight and joy in this life.
We thank you for every gift that comes to us
in times of despair to lift us up
and tend to our sorrows.
May these gifts reach out to our world,
that others may know your joy, your caring,
your deep understanding of despair—
and your Life that-defeats death. AMEN

Our Faith in Action (Church Announcements)

***Hymn # 218 “Thine is the Glory”**

Words: Edmond I. Budry, 1904; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923
Music: George Frederick Handel, 1746 – Public Domain

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o’er death has won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

***Benediction**

Rev. Biggar

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand.

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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, April 14 – Tuesday Gals at 10am / Trustees at 6pm

Wednesday, April 15 – Bell Ringing at 5:45pm / Choir at 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 16 – Discipleship at 1pm / Council at 6pm

Sunday, April 19– Choir at 8:30am

Upcoming Event: Rummage Sale, sponsored by Women's Fellowship – Saturday, May 23rd from 9am – 1pm in Fellowship Hall.

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock, Candy Burgess, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanellen Stearns.

Wider World: People recovering from natural disasters and conflicts in the U.S. and around the world. Peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and our world.

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