

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
Organized in 1806



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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Bringing in the Light of Christ

9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Music # 297 “Dona Nobis Pacem”

Words: Traditional Latin Music: Traditional

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

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Call to Worship *from Psalm 116, 1 Peter 1, and Luke 24*

Even if we feel abandoned and alone,

Christ meets us here.

Even when we become lost and disoriented,

Christ rescues us in our need.

Even when our hearts are touched by the frost,

Christ warms our spirits.

Even when all light has faded to black,

Christ illumines our Way.

Here in this house of worship

enter, rejoice, and come home.

***Hymn # 231 “Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us”**

Words: Ralph Wright, 1989, alt.

Music: William Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; harm. Charles Anders, 1969, alt

Sing of one who walks beside us and this day is living still, one who now is closer to us than the thoughts our hearts distill, Christ who once upon a hilltop, raised against the power of sin, died in love as his own creatures crucified their God and Friend!

We have walked with him as strangers through the journey of the day, and have told him of the violence that has swept our hope away. He has offered words of comfort, words of energy and light. Did our hearts not blaze within us as he broke the bread this night?

Risen one, stay with us, raise us, once again the night is near. Dine with us and share your wisdom, free our hearts from ev'ry fear. In the calm of each new evening, in the freshness of each dawn, if you hold us fast in friendship we will never be alone.

Prayer of Yearning (in unison)

God of Easter hope, when our gaze is cast within,
it is easy to miss Your presence in our midst.
When we fail to recognize You on the road,
touch our minds with Your wisdom and truth,
and set our hearts on fire with Your holy love.
During times of confusion and doubt,
open our eyes to Your life-giving presence,
and rekindle our Easter faith. Amen.

A moment of silent reflection

Words of Assurance

In the resurrection of Jesus, we find hope
and an imperishable seed of faith.
Risen with Christ, we are born anew. **AMEN**

Choir Anthem – “Lord of the Dance”

arranged by Don Hart

Discipleship for All Ages

Hymn for All Ages # 560 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** *from Psalm 119 and Luke 24* (in unison)

Walk with us, O traveler unknown,
and open our hearts and minds
to the mystery of Your ways.
Reveal to us Your holy presence
in the breaking of the bread
and in the sharing of the cup.
Bring us fullness of life in Your name,
that we might be a people of mutual love,
born of Your gracious love and mercy.
Amen.

***Hymn # 586** **“Open My Eyes that I May See”**
Words and Music: Clara H. Scott, 1895

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my
hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes,
illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the
wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears,
illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my
heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

**Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart,
illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Our Faith in Action (Church Announcements)

***Responsive Benediction**

As you meet strangers on the road,
learn to recognize Christ in your midst.

**As our hearts burn within us,
we will recognize his whispers to our souls.**

As you experience Christ in the smile of another,

share the love of God with one another.
**As the scales fall from our eyes,
we will see Easter miracles all around us.**
Go with God's blessings.

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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THIS WEEK*

Today - 10:30 am, Coffee Hour

Monday, April 20 – Church Closes in observance of Patriots' Day

Tuesday, April 21 – Tuesday Gals at 10am

Wednesday, April 22 – Bell Ringing at 5:15pm and Choir at 6:30pm

Thursday, April 23 – Discipleship at 1pm

Sunday, April 26 – Choir at 8:30am; Diaconate after church

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: Candy Burgess, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanellen Stearns, and others who are on our minds and hearts.

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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