

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



The Third Sunday after Pentecost
MUSIC SUNDAY
June 14, 2026 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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Prelude

Bringing in the Light of Christ

9:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

“There is More Love Somewhere”

African-American Spiritual, arr. by David Myers-Wakeman

**There is more love somewhere.
There is more love somewhere.
I’m gonna keep on till I find it.
There is more love somewhere.**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Biggar, Interim Pastor

Invocation

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

words: Robert Robinson; music: John Wyeth

Christie Paul, Nora Krainis, David & Jesse Myers-Wakeman

Call to Worship - Psalm 150

One: Praise God!

Praise God in the sanctuary;

All: **praise God in the mighty firmament!**

One: Praise God for mighty deeds;

All: **praise God for exceeding greatness!**

One: Praise God with trumpet sound;

All: **praise God with lute and harp!**

One: Praise God with tambourine and dance;

All: **praise God with strings and pipe!**

One: Praise God with clanging cymbals;

All: **praise God with loud clashing cymbals!**

One: Let everything that breathes praise God!

All: **Praise God!**

***Hymn # 2 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

Words: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt,

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. Edward Hodges, 1864; desc. Susan Adams, 1995

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
changing bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou art Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we on-ward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

A Word from our Music Director

David Myers-Wakeman

“I Sing Because I’m Happy”

NYCCUCC Choir

Words by Civilla D. Martin; music by Charles H. Gabriel;
arr Kenneth Paden / adapted by Rollo Dilworth

Discipleship for All Ages “Caedmon, Sing Me Something!”

Caedmon’s Hymn (West Saxon version)

Nu sculon herigean heofonrices weard,
meotodes meahte and his modgeþanc
weorc wuldorfæder, swa he wundra gehwæs
ece drihten, or onstealde.

He ærest sceop eorðan bearnum
heofon to hrofe, halig scyppend;
þa middangeard monocynnes weard
ece drihten, æfter teode
firum foldan, frea ælmihtig

Translation*

Now let us praise Heaven-Kingdom's guardian,
the Maker's might and his mind's thoughts,
the work of the glory-father—of every wonder,
eternal Lord. He established a beginning.
He first shaped for men's sons
Heaven as a roof, the holy Creator;
then middle-earth mankind's guardian,
eternal Lord, afterwards prepared
the earth for men, the Lord almighty.

*(Roy Liuzza in *Old English Poetry: An Anthology*, c.2014. Published online at Poetry Foundation.org)

Hymn for All Ages # 70 “God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”

Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983 Music: Carl F. Schalk, 1983

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars. How does the creature say Awe, How does the creature say Praise.

God of the earth-quake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast. How does the creature cry Woe, How does the creature cry Save.

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave, How does the creature say Grace, How does the creature say Thanks.

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal, How does the creature say Care, How does the creature say Life.

God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,
How does the creature say Love, How does the creature say Peace.

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart, How do your children say Joy, How do your children say Home.

Introduction to Scripture

Rev. Cynthia

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Reflection “Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs”

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” *Christie Paul, Nora Krainis, David & Jesse Myers-Wakeman*

“The Jesus Way” words and music by Phil Wickham
Kathy Whittier, Nora Krainis, David & Jesse Myers-Wakeman

Prayers of the People

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer

Instrumental Interlude **“Reflection”** from Disney’s *Mulan*, with music by Matthew Wilder
Jonah Paul, Clarinet

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.

Prayer Response **“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”** *NYCCUCC Choir*
Words and music: Ken Medema; arr. Jack Schrader

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: “Great is Thy Faithfulness” words: Thomas Chisholm; music: William Runyan
Christie Paul, Nora Krainis, David & Jesse Myers-Wakeman

***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 *offered by Pastor*

“10,000 Reasons” Words & music: Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman; arr. Dave Williamson
NYCCUCC Choir

Words of Appreciation

Hymn # 619 “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”
Words and Music: Robert Lowry

My Life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I’m clinging. Since love is
Lord of heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing.

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing.

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing.

***Benediction** *from II Corinthians 13:13*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **AMEN**

Postlude: "Fly Away Medley" *traditional; arr. Mark Hayes*

NYCCUCC Choir

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Acolyte(s)

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand.

**David and Choir Members, thank you for your wonderful music,
and enjoy your summer break!**

Thank you to Peter and Jesse for your beautiful playing all year!

Staff

Intentional Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Biggar
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Note: This service is recorded and streamed on YouTube.

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>.

THIS WEEK*

Today - CHURCH PICNIC, 11 a.m. at the home of Mark & Marsha Heath

Monday – June 15 – Missions Meeting via Zoom at 6:30pm

Tuesday – June 16 - Tuesday Gals at 10am

Thursday – June 18 – Council at 6pm

IN OUR PRAYERS*

We pray for those in our congregation and community who are

- mourning the loss of loved ones;
- serving our country in the military, including James Black, E-6, US Navy;
- experiencing health issues or personal concerns, including Candy B., George D. (brother of Leah D.), Sandra and Vince G., Wayne & Beth M., Steve Q., Lori M. and Kaitlin Q., Holly and Charles S., and Susanelen S.

We pray for those in the wider world, nationally and globally who are

- hungry or unhoused,
- experiencing violence and destruction from wars and conflicts,

- rebuilding their lives following natural disasters,
- recovering from trauma.

We pray for peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and our world.

*Please submit items for the Church Calendar to Lyn Glassock by Tuesday in order to be included in the bulletin. For the prayer list, please speak with a deacon or the pastor. Thank You. Note: Hymns and songs are licensed under One License #A-73187 and CCLI #48404708