

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



The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026
9:30 a.m.

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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Bringing in the Light of Christ

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 *Leslie Eastman, Deacon Chairperson*

Call to Worship (Psalm 13, Matthew 10)

Come, everyone, come and worship! God welcomes us all.
Come, all whose hearts are heavy. God welcomes us all.
Come, all who doubt. God welcomes us all.
Come, all who trust in God. God welcomes us all.
Come, everyone, come and worship!

***Hymn # 73** **“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”**
Words: Frederick W. Faber, 1854
Music: Lizzie S. Tourjee, 1877; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

Opening Prayer (in unison) (Genesis 22, Psalm 13, Matthew 10)

God of love, we come to you as we are. In the midst of our doubts, our confusion, our failures, we come with our hopes and our dreams, trusting that you will provide all that we need out of your abundant love. Open our hearts to the richness of your grace, open our lives to the balm of your mercy, that we might grow into your community of life and love. AMEN

Special Music “I Will Rise” *David & Jesse Myers-Wakeman*
- Jesse Reeves, Matt Maher, Chris Tomlin, & Louie Giglio

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon “Wait! Who is Welcome?” *Rev. Jane MacIntyre, Guest Pastor*

Hymn for All Ages # 579 “Standing in the Need of Prayer”

Words and Music: African-American spiritual; Music arr. William F. Smith, 1986

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer.

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer

Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer.

Not the preacher, not the teacher, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer.

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer.
Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer.

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer. but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer.

It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer
It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of Prayer

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 (in unison)** (Genesis 22, Psalm 13, Matthew 10)

God of love, you provide everything we need and deal bountifully with us. Our hearts rejoice in your love. We praise you as we share our gifts, in the prayer that our offering may bring your blessings of living water to a thirsty world. Amen.

Our Faith in Action (Church Announcements)

***Hymn #606 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**

Words: Robert L. Edwards, 1961

Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,

nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted, gain thru powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

***Benediction**

Rev. MacIntyre

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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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 - 10:30 am, Coffee Hour

Tuesday,– June 23 - Tuesday Gals at 10am /

Thursday – June 25 - 8 am – Pie Baking

Saturday, June 27 – 1-3 pm - Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 28 - Service will be at 10 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Gray, UCC.

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 B., E-6, US Navy; Nick M., Master Sergeant, Maine Air National Guard
- experiencing health issues or personal concerns, including Candy B., Sandra and Vince G., Wayne and Beth M., Steve Q., Lori M. and Kaitlin Q., Holly and Charles S., and Susanelle 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.

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