

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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The Second Sunday after Pentecost
Pilgrim Lodge Sunday
June 7, 2026 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude “Meinen Jesum Lass’ Ich Neicht” by J. Walther

Bringing in the Light of Christ

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Biggar, Interim Pastor

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.

Call to Worship

Come, let us gather in praise of the One who shows us the way:

The way of Christ is love.

Let us gather in thanksgiving for the One who teaches the truth:

that we were all made in God's image and called good.

Let us worship the One who gives us life.

Blessed be our God, Source of all Creation.

***Hymn # 56 “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

Words: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864

Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree
and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our
hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight, for the mystic
harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our
hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church that ever more lift-eth holy hands above, offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Opening Prayer: “A Litany for Outdoor Ministries”*

One: For the miracle of creation, in all its infinite diversity and splendor, we give thanks to one who sustains us.

Many: We give thanks that we too, are a part of creation. We pray that we might remember our status as children of God through our participation in the circle of life.

One: For the rhythm of a paddle gently striking the water, the morning mist in a field of clover, the call of the loon, the radiance of sunset, the sparkle on the water, and the dance of the dragonflies

Many: We praise you!

One: God we know that we have too often isolated ourselves from the very things that bring us a connection to You. We pray for the wisdom to seek out places such as Jesus did: the mountain, the plain, the lake shore, the wilderness.

Many: We pray that we might remember that Christ is present in ourselves and in others.

One: We pray for all those who need to be part of an inclusive community, a place where the natural world radiates, or to both, and yet who cannot find the time or courage to do so.

Many: We give thanks for the places in our lives that give us renewal and help us to deeply know others on the journey.

One: Gracious God we pray for camps and retreat centers, and all sacred places whose mission is to bring people to an awareness of your glory. We pray for each participant in all United Church of

Christ Outdoor Ministry programs, that they may have a safe and meaningful experience and a season of strengthening faith.

Many: We thank you for the astoundingly beautiful place, infused with divinity called Pilgrim Lodge. Bless this season with grace, abundance, safety, connection, and love.

One: And God, please help all of us to live out the message of Pilgrim Lodge as inspired by Jesus:

All: To love You, to love ourselves, and to love one another. AMEN

Choir Anthem – “A Place at the Table”

Words by Shirley Erena Murray, Music by Mary McDonald

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Hymn # 321 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Words: St. 1,2, Mary A. Lathbury, 1877; st. 3, Alexander Groves, 1913, alt.
Music: William F. Sherwin, 1877

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst bread the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord,
my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
then shall bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me;
touch thou my longing eyes that I may see;
give me to eat and live with thee above;
teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.

Sharing and Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

We give You thanks, O God, for refreshing us at Your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Hymn for All Ages # 530 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

Words and Music: African-American spiritual

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul,
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul,
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean, In my soul,
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean, In my soul.

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9

Reflections:

Rev. Cynthia
Jeff Shorey
Gail Strattard

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 "Dix" by D. Rotermond

***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)**

**Holy One, bless the gifts that we bring before You,
that they may be a pure offering of love to Your Creation.
Bless our hands and our feet,
that in our moving and our giving
we might show forth Your compassion and grace.
Bless our seeing, our hearing, our understanding,
that in all times and places
we may know that You are present with us.
God of love, bless us, we pray. AMEN**

Our Faith in Action (Church Announcements)

***Hymn # 514 "God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty"**

Words: Mary S. Edgar, 1925, alt. Music: C. Harold Lowden (20th Century)

God, who touches earth with beauty, make my heart a-new. With your Spirit
recreate me pure and strong and true.

Like your springs and running waters, make me crystal pure. Like your rocks of
towering grandeur, make me strong and sure.

Like your dancing waves in sunlight, make me glad and free. Like the
straightness of the pine trees let me up-right be.

Like the arching of the heavens, lift my thoughts above.
Turn my dreams to noble action, ministries of love.

God, who touches earth with beauty, make my heart a-new.
Keep me ever, by your Spirit, pure and strong and true.

***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

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude “Go forth for God” by R. Powell

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand.

**To learn more about Pilgrim Lodge and outdoor ministries, visit
www.pilgrimlodge.org or call 207-724-3200.*

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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, – June 9 - Tuesday Gals at 10am / Trustees – 6pm
Wednesday, – June 10 - Choir at 6:30 pm
Thursday, – June 11 - Discipleship at 1pm
Sunday, 14 – Music Sunday - Choir at 8:30am / Faith Formation following Worship

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; Nick Mangino, Master Sergeant, Maine Air National Guard
- experiencing health issues or personal concerns, including Candy B., Sandra and Vince G., Steve Q., Lori M. and Kaitlin Q., Holly and Charles S., and Susanellen 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