

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Gray Road, North Yarmouth, Maine 04097
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Whoever you are,
Wherever you are on life's journey,
You are welcome here!

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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *2 Nocturnes-Characteristique* (Song without Words/Noon Tide) J. Field

Bringing in the Light of Christ

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Biggar, Interim Pastor

Call to Worship

Sing praise to God,
our Creator and Redeemer.
Sing praise to Christ,
our Lord and Savior.
Sing praise to the Spirit,
who has called us to worship this day.

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

Words: John Newton, 1779; st. 4 anonymous

Music: Virginia Harmony, 1831; harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no
less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

Opening Prayer (in unison) *from Romans 14, Matthew 18*

Loving God, thank You for the great mercy and grace
that draw us close to Your holiness.
Flow through our worship and through our lives
with Your holy presence and Your forgiving grace,
that we may be people of holy love
and gracious forgiveness.
In Your holy name, we pray. AMEN

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Sermon “(Not) Passing Judgement”

Hymn # 546 “Amazing Grace”

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 *Aria* R. Lloyd

***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 Romans 14, Matthew 18*

Thank You for the generosity

of Your love, forgiveness, and grace, dear God.
Thank You for trusting us
to share this generosity with others.
Bless our offerings with grace, forgiveness, and love.
Bless our lives, our giving, and our actions,
that they may reflect and share these gifts
in all that we say and in all that we do. AMEN

***Benediction**

***Response # 445 “Go in Peace”**

Words: Barber I. Waters, 1982; Music: Kenneth E. White, 1982

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate life!

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Taking the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude *Amazing Grace* M. Meier

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand.

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Note: This service is recorded and streamed on YouTube.

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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 / Faith Formation Team Meeting

Monday – Sept. 14 - Missions Meeting via Zoom-6:30pm

Tuesday – Sept. 15 - Tuesday Gals at 10am

Wednesday – Sept. 16 - Choir at 6:30 pm

Thursday – Sept. 17 - Book Discussion Group, 1 p.m. (*Inspired*, by Rachel Held Evans) / Council Meeting – 6pm

Sunday 20th – Choir at 8:30am / Potluck Lunch following Worship

Next Sunday, September 20, is Homecoming Sunday. We will return to the Sanctuary, welcome the Choir back, and bless and dedicate a new Sunday School year. Bring a dish to share at the potluck lunch following the service. Please invite a friend!

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. (Leah D.'s brother), Sandra and Vince G., Steve Q., Lori M. and Kaitlin Q., Holly and Charles S., and James 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 neighbors, friends, colleagues, and fellow Christians who are “New Mainers” or “sojourners,” seeking to live, study, work, and raise their families peaceably among us (See Leviticus 19:33-34).

We pray for those who are struggling with, or in recovery from addictions including alcoholism, and their families and friends.

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