

# NEWFANE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION  
of the United Church of Christ*



*“... to love someone  
is to strive to accept that person  
exactly the way he or she is,  
right here and now.”*

*Fred Rogers*



*“Our Purpose: learning to see and love the world with the eyes of God”*

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022, at 10:00 in the Morning

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*\* All that are able, please stand.\**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stan Adams

**PRELUDE**

*“Polonaise”*

J.S. Bach

**THRESHOLD MOMENT**

*[All sing] #303      Jubilate Deo      [round]*

**CALLING ON GOD**

ONE: *Let us pray together:*

ALL: **Exquisite, invigorating Mentor of new beginnings, we come today with open hearts, ready to be healed. We come with open minds, ready to be taught. We come with open souls, ready to be transformed. We pray that your Holy Spirit will fill us up until your love spills over every levee we might build, and washes us into shameless acts of justice and mercy. For we would be a part of your resurrected presence in this time and place, the body of the risen Christ! Amen.**

\* **HYMN # 298**      *“The Day of Resurrection”*

**HONEST QUESTIONS**      *(A time for quiet reflection.)*

**COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE**

\* **THE PEACE** *(You may exchange a sign of God’s peace with each other.)*

The peace of God be with you.      *And also with you.*

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

Dawn Slade

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 10:22-30

NRSV

Stan Adams

**Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,<sup>Ⓜ</sup> tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.<sup>Ⓜ</sup> <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

**SERMON**

*“Courage and Belief”*

Rev. Rob Hamm

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

## MORNING PRAYERS

OUR LORD'S PRAYER *(depts)*

## OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY *"I'm Gonna Lift My Family Up"*  
F.R. Toure, arr. Mary Alice & Peter Amidon

\* DOXOLOGY

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* HYMN # 345 *"Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"*

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"* Paul Baloche

*"Our Worship has ended -- Now our Service begins."*

### Welcome to Guests and Visitors!

We are glad to have you worship with us. We hope you feel welcome and find the service meaningful.

#### This week's calendar:

Mon. May 9	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Weds. May 11	6:30 pm	Trustees' Mtg
Thurs. May 12	6:15 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir

**Birthdays this week:** May 13- Nancy Brooks, May 14 – Chris Barton & Bill McGhee

*Special thanks to those helping with our service today: Lay Reader, Stan Adams;*

*Greeters, Jan Anderson & Karen Fontaine; Flowers, Ruth Marx.*

*Want to help? Please sign up on the whiteboard!*

### May Mission: Women's Freedom Center

**Rev. Hamm's Schedule:** Thursday will include office hours, time for visiting, and pastoral counseling. Please call Rob or the church office if you would like to meet.

**Church Phone: 802-365-4079**

**Office Hours:**

Mon & Weds 8:30-3:30

Thurs: 8:30-1:00 Closed Fridays

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