

# 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”*

# The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 21, 2022, at 10:00 in the Morning

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha LaMoria

## PRELUDE

*“The Call”*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*By faith we rise in the morning,*

**learning from the new day how to begin again.**

*By faith we go out into the day,*

**courageously asking God to meet us where we are.**

*By faith we gather together,*

**honoring the Divine Light in one another.**

*By faith we fan the flames of justice—*

**for we have known the Spirit of Transformation.**

*Come, let us worship the Faithful One,*

**the Living God is in our midst.**

## \* HYMN # 23 *“All Creatures of our God and King”*

## PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY OF HEALING

*(Unison God of the joyful morning and of the dark night of the soul, thank you for your ever-sustaining love, which has led us to this moment, in this most sacred space. We are here in great anticipation of your Spirit.*

Now gather us into wholeness, we pray. Purify our hearts, Beloved One. Speak healing and calm to our minds, and settle our spirits, that we may know your presence more fully. Forgive us, O Lord, when we forget who we are and to whom we belong. Ground us in your steadfastness, Living Christ, that we might have clarity and courage to live in your way. Make our limitations the sites of our holiness and our broken places be the sites of your perfect strength.

*(a quiet time for reflection and prayer.)*

## 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.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 58:9-14 NRSV

Martha LaMoria

9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.” If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

11 The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

13 If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

14 then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Dawn Slade

*Children may go to Sunday School following Children's Time.*

**SERMON**

***"A Temple for Parched Places"***

Matt Deen

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MORNING PRAYERS**

**OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

*(depts)*

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY**

***"The Old Rugged Cross"***

Christine Gray, Soloist

G. Bernard

**\* DOXOLOGY**

*(See inside back cover of the hymnal)*

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\* HYMN # 51**

***"How Great Thou Art"***

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

***"Way Maker"***

Osinachi Okoro

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



