

NEWFANE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION
of the United Church of Christ



*No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
are welcome here.* *you*

*"Beloved, if God so loved us,
we ought also to love one another."*

1 John 4:11



"Learning to see and love the world with the eyes of GOD"

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022, at 10:00 in the Morning

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Kyle

PRELUDE

“Blessed Assurance”

Phoebe Knapp

Martha LaMoria & Mike Kelly, organ / piano duet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day is born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

We celebrate the beauty of creation and the wonder of the human family.

We remember those whose love has shaped our lives

and those whose struggles for justice have been unsleeping in spite of oppression.

We gather to worship GOD, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to GOD’S work in the world.

May GOD bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred and filled with hope.

* HYMN #31

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY OF HEALING *(Unison)* O HOLY ONE, we gather in your presence here, taking refuge from a stormy world, looking for the hope we need to live. Open us, heart and soul, that we may be fully present to your love and grace. Open us, that we may freely face our shortcomings. For the wrongs of our minds and hearts, our hands, our spirits – forgive us. For our silence and lack of compassion – forgive us. For our self-love and our self-hatred – forgive us. For our anger and our fear – forgive us. For our part, known and unknown, in the suffering of any of your children – forgive us. For all the times we do not walk in the way of love – forgive us in the name of Jesus Christ who goes before us, so that we can know love. *Silent prayers may be offered.*

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.***

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Luke 14:1,7-14 **The Message** Jim Kyle

14 ¹⁻³ One time when Jesus went for a Sabbath meal with one of the top leaders of the Pharisees, all the guests had their eyes on him, watching his every move.

Invite the Misfits

⁷⁻⁹ He went on to tell a story to the guests around the table. Noticing how each had tried to elbow into the place of honor, he said, “When someone invites you to dinner, don’t take the place of honor. Somebody more important than you might have been invited by the host. Then he’ll come and call out in front of everybody, ‘You’re in the wrong place. The place of honor belongs to this man.’ Embarrassed, you’ll have to make your way to the very last table, the only place left.

¹⁰⁻¹¹ “When you’re invited to dinner, go and sit at the last place. Then when the host comes he may very well say, ‘Friend, come up to the front.’ That will give the dinner guests something to talk about! What I’m saying is, If you walk around all high and mighty, you’re going to end up flat on your face. But if you’re content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself.”

¹²⁻¹⁴ Then he turned to the host. “The next time you put on a dinner, don’t just invite your friends and family and rich neighbors, the kind of people who will return the favor. Invite some people who never get invited out, the misfits from the wrong side of the tracks. You’ll be—and experience—a blessing. They won’t be able to return the favor, but the favor will be returned—oh, how it will be returned!—at the resurrection of God’s people.”

CHILDREN’S TIME

Dawn Slade

Children may go to Sunday School following Children’s Time.

MESSAGE

“All Are Welcome”

R Hamm

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

“Polonaise”

J.S. Bach

*** DOXOLOGY**

(See inside back cover of the hymnal)

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN #595**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Matt Redman

“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. Aug. 29	4:00 pm	Heritage Fest Mtg
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Thurs. Sept 1	10am	Men’s Coffee

Birthdays this week: Aug. 31 – Jillian Grip, Sept.3 – Brianah Hall

Special thanks to those helping with our service today: Lay Reader, Jim Kyle; Coffee Hour, Ann Allbee; Flowers, Ruth Marx; Want to help? Please sign up on the whiteboard!

August Missions:

Valley Cares and West River Habitat for Humanity

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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.

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