

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”

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022, at 10:00 in the Morning

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruth Marx

PRELUDE

“Down a Country Lane”

Aaron Copland

CALL TO WORSHIP

The One who is Holy Wisdom, Living Breath, Maker of all, invites us to celebrate with all of creation.

Give thanks for blue skies and towering clouds, crowds and solitude, conversation and reflection, anticipation and memory, certainty and hope.

Now we gather to share the good news of God’s living presence within us, among us, and around us.

May God transform us into the living body of the crucified and risen Christ.

Amen and Amen!

* HYMN #40

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

PRAYER FOR THE JOURNEY OF HEALING

(Unison) Mysterious, wonderful Architect of the future, we come together this soft, September morning to celebrate the knowledge that we are in your midst. We marvel in the way you set the earth on its foundation so that it shall never be shaken. We celebrate the way you call us into the future you reveal to us only as fast as we move toward it. We treasure the call to love and justice you draw powerfully from our hearts. Reveal your presence to us, O God of all creation, for we gather in the name of our Savior Jesus, who is the Christ. *A time for reflection and quiet 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.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:1-13 NRSV

Ruth Marx

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

16 Then Jesus^[a] said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him,

‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth^[d] so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.^[e]

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,^[d] who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”^[e]

SERMON

“What Love Does”

R. Hamm

* **HYMN #372**

“I Then Shall Live”

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYERS

OUR LORD’S PRAYER (*debts*)

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

“The Gift of Love”

Hal Hopson

* **DOXOLOGY**

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

* **HYMN #391**

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

(After singing all five verses, repeat verse 1)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Marvelous Light”

Charlie Hall

“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. Sept 19	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Weds. Sept 21	9:30 am	Apple Pie Making
Thurs. Sept 22	Noon-1 pm	Veggie Van Go
Sun. Sept 25	10am	Service of Farewell for Rob & Sandy

Birthdays this week: Sept. 19 – Amanda King,
Sept 21 – Anthony Bills, Justin Taylor, Nick Fontaine, & Debbie Turner,
Sept 24 – Caitlin Garry

*Special thanks to those helping with our service today: Lay Reader, Ruth Marx;
Greeters, Anissa & Verna Lang; Coffee Hour, Andi & Chas Baker; Flowers, Ruth Marx;
Want to help? Please sign up on the whiteboard!*

September Mission: Winston Prouty Center

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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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