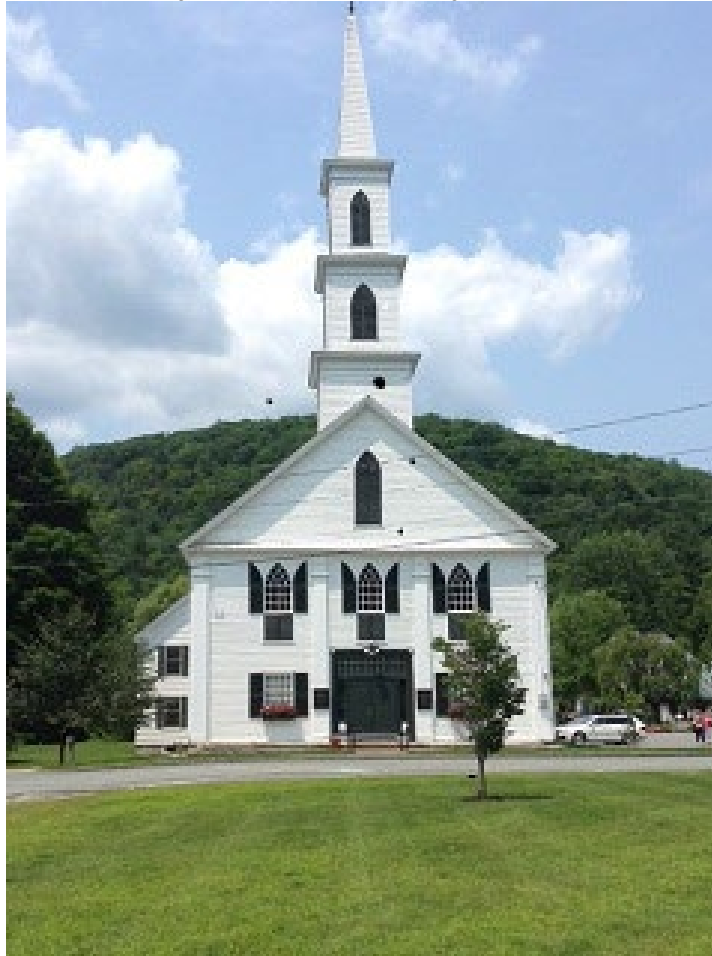


NEWFANE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
*AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION*  
*of the United Church of Christ*



*“... 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”*

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022, at 10:00 in the Morning

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stan Adams

## PRELUDE

*“Abridge”*

Colin Mawby

Guest Organist, Peter LaMoria

## CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: *What does this time of worship need?*

ALL: **Quiet where faith can grow, song that blossoms hope, scripture that remembers love, honest words to untangle a small length of knotty existence, gifts offering service of the heart.**

*Who shall come to this time of worship?*

**All who have prayer in the center of their lives and all who are lonely for the touch of GOD.**

## \* HYMN #123

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

## PRAYERS FOR THE JOURNEY OF HEALING

*(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.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 14:25-33**

*The Message*

Stan Adams

## Figure the Cost

<sup>25-27</sup> One day when large groups of people were walking along with him, Jesus turned and told them, “Anyone who comes to me but refuses to let go of father, mother, spouse, children, brothers, sisters—yes, even one’s own self!—can’t be my disciple. Anyone who won’t shoulder his own cross and follow behind me can’t be my disciple.

<sup>28-30</sup> “Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn’t first sit down and figure the cost so you’ll know if you can complete it? If you only get the foundation laid and then run out of money, you’re going to look pretty foolish. Everyone passing by will poke fun at you: ‘He started something he couldn’t finish.’

<sup>31-32</sup> “Or can you imagine a king going into battle against another king without first deciding whether it is possible with his ten thousand troops to face the twenty thousand troops of the other? And if he decides he can’t, won’t he send an emissary and work out a truce?”

<sup>33</sup> "Simply put, if you're not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can't be my disciple.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Dawn Slade

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

## SERMON

*"Healing Truth"*

R. Hamm

## SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

## MORNING PRAYERS

## OUR LORD'S PRAYER

*(debts)*

## OFFERING INVITATION

## OFFERTORY

*"St. Bernard"*

Paul Bryan

## \* DOXOLOGY

*(See inside back cover of the hymnal)*

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The Table is now prepared for us. We are invited to share in the feast of God's presence, celebrating here and now all that is meant by being alive. The Spirit of God moves in and through all time, in every age, in every corner of the earth, calling people to renew their hope and joy. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

ONE: *Up with your hearts!*

ALL: **We lift them to God.**

*Let us give thanks to God.*

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*God of life and all creatures, from the first day to this day you have showered us with gifts of mercy and grace. From the first day to this day you have sent us signs and wonders, prophets and dreamers to call us to yourself, and offer us your grace:*

**Healing for our brokenness, release from our pain, calm for mental stress, peace for soul-grief and regret, pardon to remedy our sin and justice to make life whole and glad.**

**Thanks and praise to you for all your gifts, and most of all for Jesus, our wounded risen brother and friend. He abides with us here in mystery, as he abided that night among his friends.**

*From his safe and holy hands you give us this, our daily bread, his body surrendered for us.*

*From his safe and holy hands we also now receive this brimming cup, this life poured out for us.*

**We remember him now, as he told us to do, whenever we break his bread and drink his cup at our tables. As we take him into ourselves in this time of brokenness and fear, we remember before you the people we love, the enemies we do not love, and all who suffer in this world, the frail and falling sparrows on whom your eye is fixed.**

*By the grace and power of the Spirit let all who share this bread and cup be one in Christ, no matter where we are, near or far, together or apart: one in heart and purpose, one in love and service, one in fearless witness to new heavens and new earth – that joyous realm to come where, by your promise, there will be no sickness and dying, no tears and grieving, but only joy, only life only justice, only you.*

**All praise and thanks to you, God of all life, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION**

**ALL: Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal. We go from here renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened by your presence. Thank you for loving us so tenderly. Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to receive you more fully.**

**\* HYMN # 559**

*“Here I Am, Lord”*

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*“Trumpet Tune in F”*

Martha Sobaje

*“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 5	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Weds Sept 7	9:30 am	Apple Pie Making
Thurs. Sept 8	6:15 pm	Bells rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal
Sun. Sept 11	5:00 pm	Talent Show and Potluck

**Birthdays this week:**

Sept. 5 – Janet Berner & Roberta Dunham, Sept 7 – Marji Wellman, Sept 10 – Ruth Garry

*Special thanks to those helping with our service today:*

*Guest organist, Peter LaMoria; Lay Reader, Stan Adams, Flowers, Ruth Marx.*

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

**September Missions – 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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