

Newman Congregational Church, UCC

"No matter who you are, Or where you are on life's journey ... You're welcome here!"

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



JUNE 29, 2025
10 AM

MISSION STATEMENT

We are an inclusive Christian community dedicated to living Jesus' message of love, peace and justice through joyful worship, compassionate service, radical hospitality and responsible stewardship.

OPENING MUSIC

Reverie
Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Land Acknowledgement Statement

CALL TO WORSHIP – responsive

Leader: God beyond us, help us to be swept away,

People: led by your goodness living just beyond our vision.

Leader: Enable us to travel light,

People: led by your love calling from deep within,

Leader: sending,

People: crossing,

Leader: sustaining. In your many names, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

Sweet Hour of Prayer

NCH #505

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION – in unison

For not welcoming travelers like Jesus

because of where they are traveling,

Forgive and restore us, O God.

For calling on heaven like James,

without a spirit of generosity,

Forgive and restore us, O God.

For losing the way

when the way is not clear,

Forgive and restore us, O God.

(silent pause)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE - responsive

Leader: Hear these words of assurance:

Rejoice in God, whose grace is given,

Rejoice in the power of love. None of us is lost to God.

God is forgiving and restoring us to wholeheartedness.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

HEART TO HEART

SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14

Luke 9: 51-58

NRSVue

SERMON

“Elisha”

*HYMN

I've Got Peace Like a River

NCH #478

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER – in unison (using “Debts” and “Debtors”)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

CALL TO OFFERING

Contributions may be placed in the offering plate, mailed to Newman UCC PO Box 4764, Rumford, RI 02916 or made online at newmanucc.org/give. If you are in the Sanctuary and give online there are laminated cards in the pews for you to put in the plate.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prelude in F# Major
Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

tune NCH #780

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

NCH #475

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Moderato
Charles-Alexis Chauvet (1837-1871)

**the congregation is invited to stand*

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FLOWERS

If you want to sponsor the floral arrangement on a particular Sunday, please contact, Debra Messinger at 401-741-4633 or debndave15@cox.net.

WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Samuel Lovett, Senior Minister
Nancy Nicholson, Guest Organist/Pianist
Tom Lima, Audio Visual Specialist
Bev Brindle, Lay Leader
Kate Wilcox, Greeter

THIS WEEK

- Coffee & Conversation – today, June 29, following worship in Memorial Hall
- Theater Trip – today, June 29, 2 pm show in Stoneham, MA
 - We have 2 tickets available; if anyone is interested in joining us, please see Sam.
 - The carpool leaves at 12:30 pm from the Newman parking lot
- Needles & Hooks – Wednesday, July 2 from 2:30-4:30 pm via Zoom (BW)
- Food Bank Delivery – Thursday, July 3 at 9 am
- Independence Day – Friday, July 4
- Communion Sunday*– next Sunday, July 6 at 10 am in the Sanctuary
- Coffee & Conversation – next Sunday, July 6 following Worship in the hall

**indicates hybrid = offered both in-person and online*