

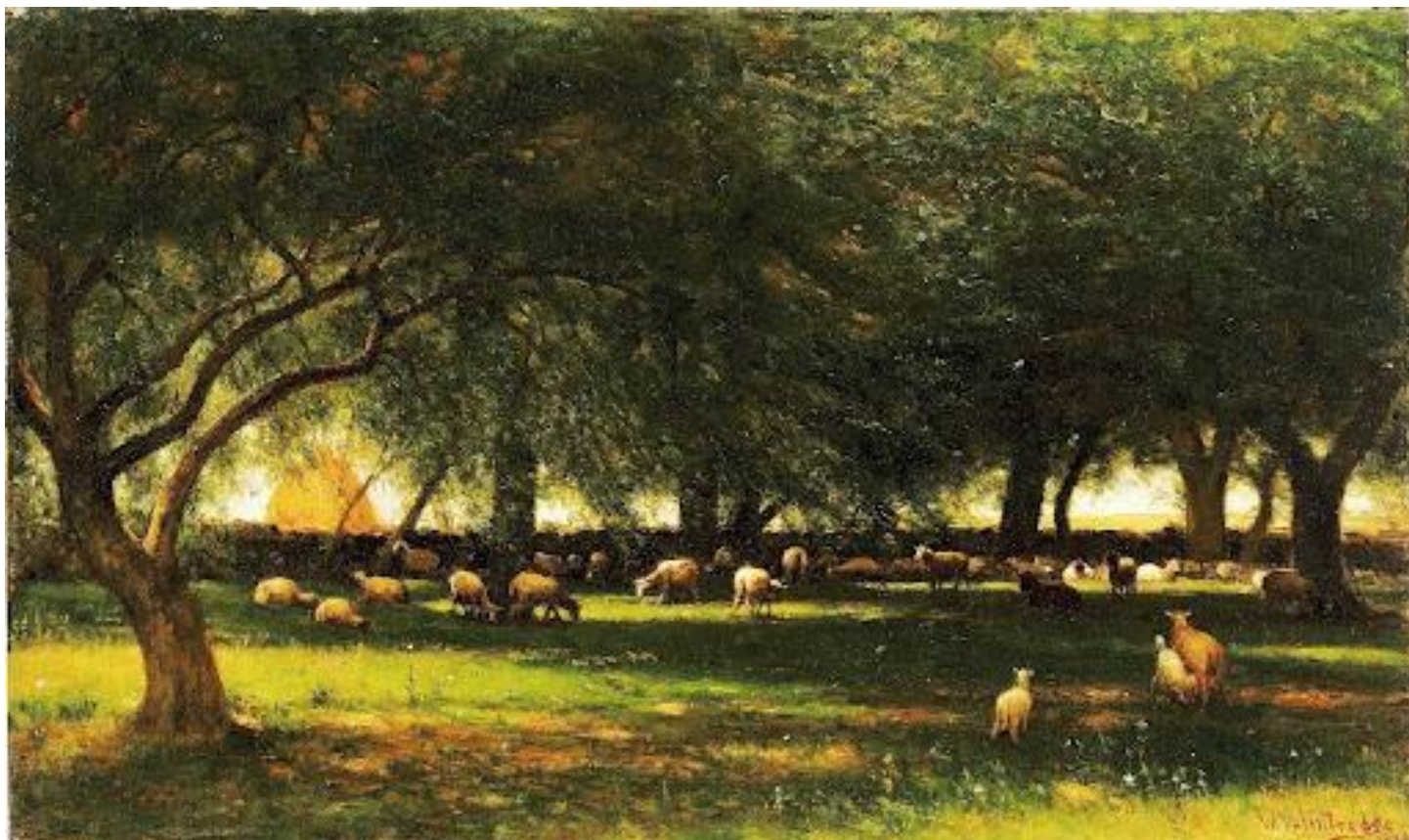
# Newman Congregational Church, UCC

"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

[newmanucc.org](http://newmanucc.org)

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



JULY 27, 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

Sarabande  
Georg Friedrich Händel (1685-1759)

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP – responsive

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

*People: whose hope is in the Lord their God.*

Leader: When the Israelites hungered in the desert, God gave them bread from heaven,

*People: and for their thirst God brought water out of the rock.*

Leader: Arise and cry out! Pour out your hearts like water to the Lord.

*People: We lift our hands to God in prayer for the lives of all in need.*

Leader: We gather together in worship as a people longing for sustenance,

*People: so that we may go out to feed the hungry, work for justice  
and be good stewards of the gifts we have received.*

Leader: May it be so. Amen

### \*HYMN

Praise the Lord, His Glories Show

PH #19

### PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION – in unison

*God of mercy, help us when our hearts  
become distant from the needs of the world.*

*Help us to engage with our eyes, open our ears,  
and contribute our creative spirit.*

*Help us to turn strangers into companions,  
to break bread with those who are hungry,  
to gather together the elements of abundance.*

*Put within us Your spirit of compassion  
so we might meet the needs of the many.*

*In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

(silent pause)

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE - responsive

Leader: Hear these words of assurance:

God's grace and abundance abounds.

God is with us in our giving and our receiving of care.

Each of us is beloved, affirmed, and forgiven.

*People: Thanks be to God! Amen!*

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*This is an ancient Christian tradition in which we show each other that we carry with us only signs of love, by  
waving, shaking hands, bumping fists, or however else we are moved to greet each other.*

### HEART TO HEART

## SCRIPTURES

NRSVue

Acts 2: 37-47

Luke 6: 43-45

## SERMON

“Faith and Food Security”

## \*HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

PH #131

## 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](http://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

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

(Blessed Jesus, we are here)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## \*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.*

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## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## \*HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

PH #267

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Allegro from Water Music Suite in F  
G.F. Händel

*\*the congregation is invited to stand*

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## FLOWERS

*If you would like to sponsor the floral arrangement on a particular Sunday, please get in touch with Debra Messinger at 401-741-4633 or debndave15@cox.net.*

## WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Samuel Lovett, Senior Minister  
Geoffrey Greene, Minister of Music  
Tom Lima, Audio Visual Specialist  
Bill Wood, Lay Leader  
Sandy & Bill Wood, Greeters

## THIS WEEK

- Coffee & Conversation – today, July 27, following worship in Memorial Hall
- Music Committee Meeting – today, July 27 at 11 am in the Chapel
- Needles & Hooks Group – Wednesday, July 30 from 2:30-4:30 pm via Zoom (BW)
- Communion Sunday\* – next Sunday, August 3 at 10 am in the Sanctuary
- Coffee & Conversation – next Sunday, August 3 following Worship in the hall

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

The Good Neighbors Food Pantry is requesting donations of tuna, cookies, and crackers during the month of July. However, all non-perishable items are gratefully accepted.