

# 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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## NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AUGUST 10, 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

Arietta in A  
Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP – *responsive*

Leader: Trusted storyteller, enter our lives and set the scene,

*People: for your parables and wisdom.*

Leader: Help us to know different ways of thinking,

*People: where sheep are lost but not gone,*

Leader: and missing coins come back,

*People: and new ways of living are possible.*

Leader: Mindful of your holy name, we enter now to worship.

### \*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

PH #35

### PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION – *in unison*

*For paying more attention to the*

*expected path than the right one,*

*Forgive and restore us, O God.*

*For valuing the ways of least resistance*

*instead of the places where we find you,*

*Forgive and restore us, O God.*

*For trying to find the whole answer,*

*When only a first step is needed,*

*Forgive and restore us, O God.*

*(silent pause)*

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE – *responsive*

Leader: The Good News of the Gospel

is that God has walked among us

and knows how mercy transforms us,

and that forgiveness makes new life possible.

We are strengthened in all goodness

by the power of the Holy Spirit,

which keeps us in eternal life.

*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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:44–51

NRSVue

SERMON

“The Parable of the Pearl”

\*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

PH #391

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

Chant de Paix  
(Song of Peace)  
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

\*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

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

PH #185

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Echo  
Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

*\*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  
Geoff Greene, Lay Leader ~ Darlene Dorego, Greeter

## THIS WEEK

- Coffee & Conversation – today, August 10, following worship in Memorial Hall
- Good Neighbors Food Pantry – Tuesday, August 12 from 5-7 pm
- Needles & Hooks Group – Wednesday, August 13 at 2:30 pm via Zoom (BW)
- Widow's Might Lunch – Thursday, August 14 to carpool meet in the parking lot at 12 pm
  - 12:30 pm Briggs Corner Pizzeria - 1123 Oakhill Ave, Attleboro, MA
- Morning Worship\* – next Sunday, August 17 at 10 am in the Sanctuary
- Coffee & Conversation – next Sunday, August 17 following Worship in the hall
- Deacon's / Worship Team Meeting – next Sunday, Aug. 17 at 11am in the Lounge

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

The Good Neighbors Food Pantry is requesting donations of canned fruit and cereal during the month of August. However, all non-perishable items are gratefully accepted.