

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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MORNING WORSHIP



SEPTEMBER 14, 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

Keep Your Hand On the Plow
African-American Spiritual
Becky Bass, soloist ~ Chris Turner, harmonica

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP – responsive

One: God is calling us by name, trying to get our attention.

All: Here we are, turning our full attention to God's presence.

One: God is calling us through the voices of our neighbors.

All: Here we are, listening for truth through holy human stories.

One: God is calling us to see the world anew.

All: Here we are, looking for what God will reveal and provide today.

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

NCH #43

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION – in unison

Holy God,

you give yourself to us

and call us to bring our full selves to you, too.

*We confess that we aren't always fully tuned-in
to you, to each other, or even to ourselves.*

*We sometimes put important decisions on autopilot,
without asking if there's more to the story.*

Call us in to closer connection with you,

and make us true covenant partners,

invested in abundant life with you.

Amen.

(silent pause)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE - responsive

Leader: In Christ, there is a new creation.

We are free to join in the new thing

God is doing, even now.

Trust in God's forgiveness,

and go forward in life anew.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

HEART TO HEART

Children may depart for Church School following the Heart to Heart

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.*

ANTHEM

Lights of the City
Michael Murphy (b.1945)
Adapt. by David Haas, Bobby Fisher, and Ed Gutfreund
Barbara Youmans, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 21:1-3; Genesis 22:1-14

NRSVue

SERMON

“Isaac’s Version”

*HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

PH #14

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

Amazing Grace
arranged by Geoffrey Greene (b. 1965)

*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

We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding

NCH #182

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro Vivace from Suite in F “Water Music”
George Frideric Händel (1685-1759)

**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

Ministers, All Church Members! ~ Geoffrey Greene, Minister of Music
Becky Bass, Soprano Section Leader ~ Barbara Youmans, Alto Section Leader
Thomas Seeger, Tenor Section Leader ~ Jonne Gomes, Bass Section Leader
Tom Lima, Audio Visual Specialist ~ Lois Carlson, Lay Reader
Ryan and Tom Mottur, Greeters ~ Rev. Samuel Lovett, Senior Minister

Special thanks to Chris Turner for sharing his talents with us this morning!!!

THIS WEEK

- Ice Cream Social – today, September 14, following worship in the hall for the first Sunday of Church School
- Sound Sessions – Gospel Music Heritage Month – today, 9/14, at 4pm at the PDT Clubhouse, 517 Atwells Ave, Providence featuring Earl Bright and Elevated & Newman Church Choir
- Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30pm in the Lounge
- Council/Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, September 16 at 7pm in Memorial Hall
- Food Bank Delivery – Thursday, September 18 at 9am
- Adult Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, September 18 at 7pm in the Sanctuary
- Faith-Based Discussion Group* – Friday, September 19 at 9:30 am offered both in-person in the Pastor's Study and on Zoom
- Morning Worship* – next Sunday, September 21 at 10 am in the Sanctuary
- Coffee & Conversation – next Sunday, September 21 following worship in the hall
- Confirmation for All Ages – next Sunday, September 21 @ 11:15 am in the Chapel

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

Tickets for the Square Dance on Sunday, September 28, are available during Coffee & Conversation throughout this month!

The Good Neighbors Food Pantry is requesting donations of cereal in September. However, all non-perishable items are gratefully accepted.