

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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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



OCTOBER 5, 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

Allegro, op. 55, n. 7
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP – *responsive*

One: Come to the table together.

All: We come to be fed on the bread of life.

One: We do not live by bread alone,

All: But by the Word of God.

One: Jesus is the Word of God and the Bread of Life.

All: We come into Jesus's presence with thanksgiving.

One: We enter now to worship together.

*HYMN

To You, O God All Creatures Sing

NCH #17

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION – *in unison*

Holy God,

You have created us in your image,

protected and nourished us,

and called us into your work of justice.

While we profess these truths,

we forget who we are and whose we are.

We put our trust in ourselves,

in material goods, and in worldly powers

instead of trusting you. Call us back to you.

Forgive us our shortcomings,

and direct us back onto the path

you would have us tread.

(silent pause)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE – *responsive*

One: Hear the Good News:

you have been created in wholeness,

claimed in love, and forgiven in God's grace.

Nothing can separate us from the love of our God.

We receive these gifts with joy and wonder,

In the name of Jesus, our friend. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.

SCRIPTURES

NRSVue

Exodus 16: 1-18

John 6: 51

SERMON

*HYMN

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

NCH #18

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

One Bread, One Body
John Foley, S.J. (b.1939)

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - responsive

One: Like a sower, God scatters, and God will give growth.

Many: God scatters life across the earth.

One: God scatters people in every land and nation.

Many: God scatters disciples far and wide.

One: Like a shepherd, God gathers.

Many: God gathers people into families of faith.

One: God gathers people into communities of love.

Many: God gathers people into the body of Christ.

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

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The congregation will be invited forward to receive Communion.

An option to remain seated and receive Communion is also available.

Note: bread has a gluten-free option; cups are filled with grape juice, not wine

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – in unison

We thank you, generous God, for the nourishment of this table and the living presence of Christ among us. We thank you for the gift of growth and grace in this life-renewing feast. We thank you for the company of your great cloud of witnesses, here in this place, in every land, and throughout the generations. Take your gathered people and scatter us again into the world—renewed, invigorated, and committed—that, so nourished, we may take root and bear life-giving fruit to feed, heal, clothe, and comfort, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

NCH #347

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso, op. 55, n. 13
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

**the congregation is invited to stand*

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FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given in memory of my brother, Rev. Dick Brindle by Bev Brindle.

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!

Nancy Nicholson, Guest Organist / Pianist

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

Alan Usas, Lay Reader

Pam Sherrill, Greeter

The Rev. Dr. Peter Lovett, Guest Preacher

THIS WEEK

- Coffee & Conversation – today, October 5, following worship in Memorial Hall
- Blessing of the Animals – today, October 5, at 11:15 am in the side yard
- Needles & Hooks – Wednesday, October 8 at 2:30 pm via Zoom (BW)
- Widow's Might Meeting - Thursday, October 9 at 11 am in the Chapel
- Widow's Might Lunch – Thursday, October 9 at 12:15 pm at Brigg's, Attleboro.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, October 9 at 7pm in the Sanctuary
- Faith-based Discussion Group* – Friday, October 10 at 9:30 am
 - Offered both in-person in the Pastor's Study and on Zoom
- Community Craft Fair – Saturday, October 11 from 9 am – 2pm in Memorial Hall
- Morning Worship* – next Sunday, October 12 at 10 am in the Sanctuary
- Coffee & Conversation – next Sunday, October 12, following worship in the hall
- Music Committee Meeting – next Sunday, October 12 at 11 am in the hall
- Confirmation for All-Ages – next Sunday, October 12, at 11:15 am in Memorial Hall
- **Voces8 Ensemble Performance** – next Sunday, October 12 at 3 pm. We have 3 tickets available if anyone is interested, contact Michelle at 401-434-4742 x10. Tickets are \$30.

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

Tickets & Sponsorship for the **Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 18**, are available during Coffee & Conversation!

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