

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



OCTOBER 12, 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

Verset
Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*Whoever you are / Whomever you love
Wherever you are on your life journey
You are welcome here*

CALL TO WORSHIP – responsive

One: People of God, your God is calling you.

All: Speak, holy God, for we are listening.

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One: We enter now together to worship.

*HYMN

Morning Has Broken

PH #38

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.

ANTHEM

O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord
Christopher Tye (c.1500-1572)

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-21

NRSVue

SERMON

*HYMN

Nearer, My God, to You

NCH #606

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

For Everyone Born
Words by Shirley Erena Murray (b.1931)
Music by Brian Mann (b.1979)

*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

How Firm a Foundation

NCH #407

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Echo
Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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FLOWERS

Today's flowers are in loving memory of Ray Frackelton given by his wife, Marjorie, and their family. The mums will be planted in the garden.

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
Nickolas Nosko, Greeter
Rev. Samuel Lovett, Senior Minister

THIS WEEK

- Coffee & Conversation – today, October 12 following worship in the hall
- Music Committee Meeting – today, October 12 following worship in the hall
- Confirmation for All Ages – today, October 12 @ 11:15 am in Memorial Hall
- Voces8 Concert – today, October 12 at 3 pm at George Kent Performance Hall in Westerly, RI. Carpool leaves at 1:45 pm from the church parking lot.
- **Indigenous Peoples Day – Monday, October 13**
- Burrill Calling Hours – Tuesday, October 14 from 2-4 pm at Tripp Funeral Home Pawtucket, RI followed by John's funeral at 4pm.
- Good Neighbors Food Pantry – Tuesday, October 14 from 5-7 pm
- Classic Yoga – Wednesday, October 15 from 6-7:15pm in Memorial Hall
- Food Bank Delivery – Thursday, October 16 at 9 am
- Adult Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, October 16 @ 7pm in the Sanctuary
- Faith-Based Discussion Group* – Friday, October 17 @ 9:30am in-person in the Pastor's Study and on Zoom.
- Setup for Oktoberfest – Friday, October 17 from 4:30-7pm in Memorial Hall
- Oktoberfest – Saturday, October 17 at 6pm in Memorial Hall
- Morning Worship* - next Sunday, October 19 @ 10am in the Sanctuary
- Coffee & Conversation – next Sunday, October 19 following worship in the hall
- Confirmation for All Ages – today, October 19 @ 11:15 am in Memorial Hall

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

Oktoberfest tickets/sponsorship are available during Coffee & Conversation today. Tickets will be available through the church office during the week until sold out.

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