

THE COVENANTS WE KEEP

Lent 2024



North Church of Portsmouth
An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

March 17, 2024

10:00 AM

Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

Ubi Caritas

J. Berthier

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING PRAYER

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace

*OPENING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord
(music and words in blue hymnal)

#559

GOD-WINKS

*HYMN

Breathe on Me
(music and words in blue hymnal)

#461

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,* says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

*Indicates those who are able may stand

SERMON

The Promises Written On Our Hearts

Rev. Jennifer Mazur

MUSIC MEDITATION

Amazing Love

G. Kendrick

TIME OF PRAYER—*All are invited to participate in a time of prayer using Breath Prayers.*

*Inhale: God, move through our breath
Exhale: To reside in our hearts*

*Inhale: God, you have been faithful
Exhale: From generation, to generation*

*Inhale: You are our God
Exhale: And we are Your people
Inhale: Move among us, we pray
Exhale: Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAYER

Gift of Love

H. Hopson

**A thread that wanders in and out
It holds our love...lets through our doubt
You welcome me a favored guest
So deeply loved and richly blessed. 2X**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

O Day of Peace

Jerusalem

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, you keep your promises to us and to all people. Help us to use these gifts to
honor our covenants of mission, ministry and love. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

Sing a New Church
(music and words in blue hymnal)

#577 vs. 1,2,4

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (remain seated)

Lonesome Valley

Traditional



*Indicates those who are able may stand

North Church Welcomes You

We are glad that you are worshiping here today.

If you seek a church home in Portsmouth, we hope that you will return to worship with us again. The tear off form on this bulletin filled out and placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher or the pastor, will help us to know you better as we serve God together.

On this day and all days we keep Marondera Church, our Ukama partner in Zimbabwe in our prayers.

Worship **SCHEDULE**

**All Worship services
begin at 10:00 am**

**Sunday, March 3
Third Sunday in Lent**
*The Sacrament of Communion
will be Celebrated*

**Sunday, March 10
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday, March 17
Fifth Sunday in Lent**
The Promises Written On Our Hearts

**Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday**
The Promise of Holy Week

**Sunday, March 31
Easter Sunday**
Trust the Joy

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen – Meatball Sundays



This **Sunday, March 17th**, we will collect a free will offering that will be designated for the supplies needed for our Salvation Army Soup Kitchen crew. Please look for the designated donation boxes at the back of the sanctuary near each entrance.

Bible Study



We will be meeting on **Tuesdays at 1pm**. Can't wait to see you then! We are back in the Sanctuary.

Men's Breakfast



The Men's Breakfast group will be meeting on **Wednesday March 20th, 9am at Cafe Espresso**. For information contact Peter Kinner (pckinner@gmail.com) or Paul Kelley (pk-rk@comcast.net)



Attention: North Church Women
Save the Date: March 23, 2024
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Pilgrim-UCC in Brentwood, NH

"We must always renew and rejuvenate ourselves, otherwise we harden."
- Johann Wolfgang Goethe

Does your mind, body and/or spirit need a little renewal and rejuvenating? Plan on attending North Church Women's retreat. There will be something for everyone.

We will be carpooling to make the commute easier for everyone. Please reach out to Nancy Layton 603-498-3787 or Njlayton@me.com or Pastor Jenn if you are planning to attend!

Seafarer's Friend Ditty Bags - Preview



Now that we are back in Market Square, it is time to start bringing in the items for the Seafarer's Friend ditty bags. The items can be placed in the designated bin in the Narthex. We will be filling 10 ditty bags, 2 for women and 8 for men. Keep this in mind as you shop for your items. The following is the list of requested items:

Razors
Toothpaste
Playing cards
Deodorant
Nail clippers
Socks (2 pair per bag max)
1-2 pens or pencils

Shave cream/gel
Toothbrush (1)
Mending kits
Shampoo (8 oz. size)
Soap/body wash (8 oz. size)
Puzzle Books
Feminine Hygiene Products

Floss
Travel sized Kleenex
Shoelaces
Travel-size first aid kit
Small writing pad
Knit hat
Chapstick

**Call to a Special Meeting of
North Congregational Church of Portsmouth
United Church of Christ
March 17, 2024**

North Congregational Church of Portsmouth, UCC
2 Congress Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801

A Special Meeting of North Congregational Church of Portsmouth,
United Church of Christ will be held on March 17, 2024, in the
Market Square sanctuary at 2 Congress Street in Portsmouth at the
conclusion of the Sunday morning service at 11 am.

The purpose of the meeting is to address the following items:

1. To discuss and vote to approve the expenditure of up to \$55,000 (up to \$27,500 from operating funds; up to \$27,500 from funds from the sale of the Parish House) for the purchase and installation of a new furnace, new ductwork to be fabricated and installed in conjunction with the new furnace, and installation of a fire-rated ceiling to be part of enclosure around the furnace that will be completed during construction.
2. To address any other business to come before the membership.

Signed: _____

Doug Woodward, Church Clerk

Signed: _____

Christine Groleau, Moderator

Here I Am, Lord

Unison
G

Am
C

D7
G

C
G

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will send the

C

D

G

Em

Am7

C

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

Am

D7
G

D
F#

D
C

G

Am
G

D7
G

my hand will save. I who made the stars of night,
they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone.
my hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide.

C
G

G

D

G

Em

I will make their dark ness bright. Who will hear my
give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
O! their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

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WITNESS & MISSION

Am7 C Am G/B C6 *slowing* D *Refrain*
222
F#

light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I
Word to them. Whom shall I send?
fire to them. Whom shall I send?

crescendo G Gsus G D7 A C/B D7 G

am. Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

dim. Gsus Am G/R C6 D D/F# D

heard you call-ing in the night. I will

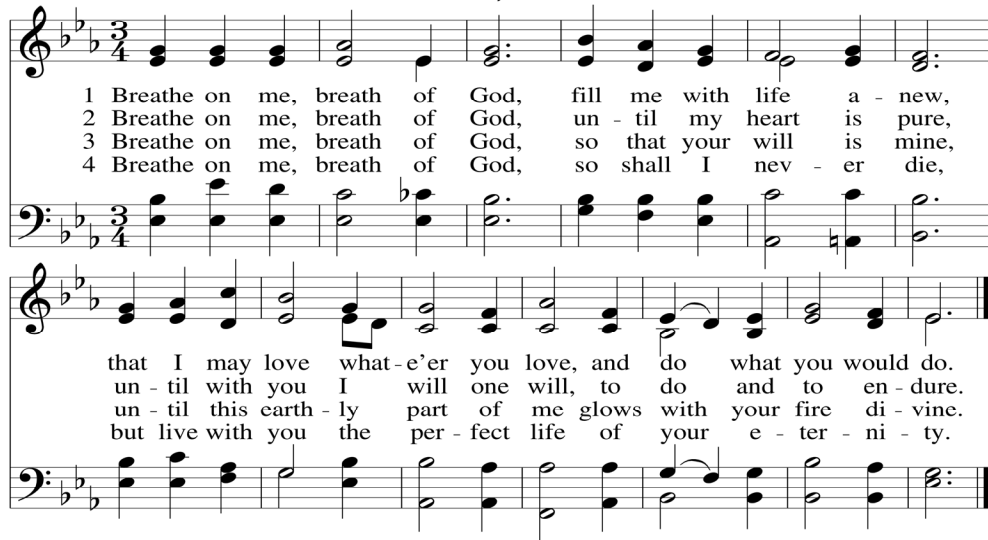
G Gsus G C/B G C/E D7 G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

Am7 C/D D G C/G G

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 461



1 Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, breath of God, so that your will is mine,
 4 Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what - e'er you love, and do what you would do.
 un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with your fire di - vine.
 but live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Sing a New Church

D A7 D A D G D D A7 D

1 Sum-moned by the God who made us rich in our di-ver-si-ty,
 2 Ra-diant ris-en from the wa-ter; robed in ho-li-ness and light.
 3 Trust the good-ness of cre-a-tion; trust the Spir-it strong with-in.
 4 Bring the hopes of ev-ery na-tion; bring the art of ev-ery race.
 5 Draw to-gether at one ta-ble all the hu-man fam-i-ly;

D A7 D A D G D D A7 D

gath-ered in the name of Je-sus, rich-er still in u-ni-ty;
 male and fe-male in God's im-age, male and fe-male, God's de-light;
 Dare to dream the vi-sion prom-ised sprung from seed of what has been.
 Weave a song of peace and jus-tice; let it sound through time and space.
 shape a cir-cle ev-er wid-er and a peo-ple ev-er free.

Refrain
 D A7 D F#m G D G D D D A7 D D F#m G A7 D

Let us bring the gifts that dif-fer and, in splen-did, var-ied ways,

D A7 D A D G D D A7 D

sing a new church in-to be-ing, one in faith and love and praise.

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