



**WALK THE
TALK**

Eastertide at
North Church

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

May 5, 2024

10:00 AM

Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE What Wondrous Love is This arr. Shackley

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 I Know That My Redeemer Lives #414 vs. 1,3,5
(music and words in blue hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we know that we face many decisions in our lives, and we do not always make the right ones. There are times when we stay silent, when we are called to speak, and times we speak, when we are called to be silent. There are times when we turn away from You, and from one another. Today we turn back, we look for you again, we seek your forgiveness again. Forgive us, Lord, and show us a better way. Amen.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Indicates those who are able may stand

SONG OF PRAYER

Draw the Circle Wide

M. Miller

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide
No one stands alone. We'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CHURCH—

Words of Introduction
New Member Promises
Congregational Assent

We welcome you with joy into the shared mission and ministry of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we grow in faith. Together we will seek to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God, and we are grateful to partner with you for this journey of faith. We pray for that the love of God our Creator, Christ our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer will shower us with blessing and connection always.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

Step by Step

Beaker

*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, we thank you for these gifts and offer them up to you. May they help us to be the church in the world: a place and a people of love and justice, mercy and peace. Move among these gifts, so we might be gifts to your world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms
(music and words in blue hymnal)

#496

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (remain seated)

Toccata in A minor

J. Sweelinck

*Indicates those who are able may stand

North Church Welcomes You

We are glad that you are worshipping 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, May 5
Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Sacrament of Communion will be Celebrated
"Abiding in Love"

Sunday, May 12
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 19
Pentecost Sunday
Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 26
First Sunday After Pentecost

**PRO PORTSMOUTH'S ANNUAL
CHILDREN'S DAY - MAY 5, 2024
12:00 - 4:00 P.M.**



VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are looking forward to opening our doors wide and welcoming children and families into North Church! Fun and adventurous activities are planned for all who enter. In order to extend extravagant hospitality, we are in need of volunteers to guide and assist throughout the afternoon. Please consider volunteering for a one hour or two hour time slot. We can guarantee that it will be lively and energetic, and we can promise that it will put a smile on your face and fill your heart with love! Please let Pastor Jenn or Gail Darrow know if you can help.

Additionally, we are in need of supplies for an activity for the children. Needed items are:

- Medium sized bags of potting soil
- Colorful markers, preferably washable
- Sandwich bags with zip lock tops

Donations can be left in the narthex. And thank you in advance for participating in this favorite Portsmouth and North Church event!

Human Needs Offering



On communion Sundays, when we come to the table to partake Christ's meal, we remember that there are many in our greater Portsmouth community who do not have a roof over their head or food to eat. Often, folks find their way to our door, to the sanctuary the church provides, seeking help and support. Your gifts toward the Human Needs Fund allows North Church to step in with love to help when the bills get too high and the funds fall too short. Over the last six months, the Human Needs Fund has helped provide emergency housing, cover the cost of medical bills, covered emergency heating costs, and ensured children and families have access to food. If you are able, please consider donating through the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary this week.



- Human Needs Offering, May 5th, 10am
- New Member's Sunday, May 5th, 10am
- Men's Coffee @ Webster-at-Rye, May 8th, 10am
- Men's Breakfast @ Cafe Espresso, May 15th, 9am
- Join the Movement Racial Justice Event, May 17th, 5pm
- Pentecost & Confirmation Sunday, May 19th, 10am
- Webster-at-Rye Service, May 20th, 3pm
- Wentworth Senior Living, Mary 23rd, 2:15pm
- Daisy Gate Sunday, June 9th, 10am
- Annual Meeting, June 9th, 11am

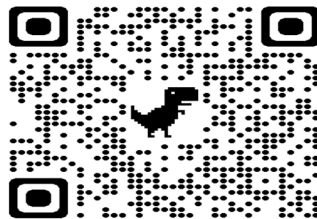
Ministerial Review



The deadline for returning the 2024 ministry survey has been extended to May 10th! If you haven't yet, please ensure that you fill out the congregation-wide survey by May 10. You'll find the link below.

Thank you for participating in this survey! If you would like a hardcopy, please reach out to the office.

<https://form.jotform.com/240954368154159>





**Join the Movement Listening Session
May 17th at 5pm
North Church Parsonage**

Join us at the Parsonage (217 Spinney Road) for light refreshments and conversation and a visit with Rev. Dr. Velda Love and Sharon Fenemma of the national United Church of Christ. Their visit to our church community is a part of a national listening tour for Join the Movement, aiming to understand more fully the work of racial justice ministry in local UCC churches like ours. We are one of three congregations they will be visiting while they are in New Hampshire. Their aim is to listen to our stories, share resources for the journey ahead and imagine with us what a racially just world might look like. If you're planning to attend, please let Pastor Jenn know!

Gather



The Mission Board supports GATHER by requesting donations of food and personal care items. Items may be placed in the bin on the bench to the right of the church entrance in the narthex at Market Square before or after the Sunday service. Here are the suggested donation items for May:

Baked Beans and Bug Spray

**As always, please check dates. Out of date items are not accepted.*

As always, thank you for your continued support of Gather.



Men's Coffee

Join the Men's Breakfast folks for a time of "Coffee with North Church Members" as we visit the men at Webster-at-Rye on **May 8th**. This is a great way to connect with men at Webster-at-Rye, both those who are longtime North Church members, and folks who are looking for connection with community. Join us at **10am** on the 8th!

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! 414

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What joy this
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
 4 He lives, my kind, wise, heav - enly friend; he lives and
 5 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my

blest as - sur - rance gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
 loves me to the end; he lives, and while he
 Sav - ior, still the same; what joy this blest as -

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
 lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King!
 sur - ance gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

WORDS: Samuel Medley (1738-1799), alt.
 MUSIC: John Hatton (ca. 1710-1793)

DUKE STREET
 L.M.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart 705

Refrain (Unison)

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat;

come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
 2 With joy-ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude,
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
 4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell:
 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,

to Refrain

so when you call your fam-ily, Lord, we fol-low and re-joyce.
 that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heaven-ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth-er in your name in truth and char-i-ty.

WORDS: Omer Westendorf (1916-1998)
 MUSIC: Robert E. Kreutz (1922-1996)
 Words and Music © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia

FINEST WHEAT
 C.M.Ref.

496 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
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 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms; lean -
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on

ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
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WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman (1839-1929)
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter (1858-1924)

SHOWALTER
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