

NEWFANE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE UCC



*“Not every conflict is necessarily neurotic;
some amount of conflict is normal and healthy.”
— Viktor E. Frankl*

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“Our Purpose: learning to see and love the world with the eyes of God”

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 2025, at 10:00 in the Morning

All who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I
will give you rest.” *Fenton Groden*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS *Maggie Bills*

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: *Friends, today we are asked to contend with God, with what we thought we understood and what we’ve never comprehended, in service of divine intimacy and deepened love.*

MANY: We open ourselves to wrestling with God!

ONE: *When the world suggests that devotion only looks a certain way, a polished way, without rawness nor reckoning, we choose another way.*

MANY: In our lives, our communities, and our world, we trust God wants our intimacy, not our polished personas!

ONE: *Opening ourselves to deeper intimacy with God means fully contending with God, in all our convictions and uncertainty.*

MANY: We offer God our willingness to contend fully with them, in order to feel truly content with them!

*** HYMN #68 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

INVOCATION *(unison)*

Beloved One, we confess that we often think you’ll only love us if we show up to you perfectly polished, clean and curated. Help us remember you’d rather we wrestle with you, that we cover ourselves with the sacred dust of your holy ground as we

lock arms with you. Let us contend with you now, oh God, that we may see your face more clearly than ever! Amen.

*God's peace be with you. **And also with you.***

*** THE PEACE**

(You may exchange a sign of God's peace with each other.)

SCRIPTURE READING (NRSVUE)
Genesis 32:22-32 *(See insert)*

Maggie Bills

YOUTH MESSAGE

Lynds Alyn

COMMUNITY RESPONSE

SERMON

Gabriela De Golia

JOYS & CONCERNS

COMMUNITY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Our Creator; debts)

INVITATION TO GIVE

One Great Hour of Sharing

OFFERTORY "No Greater Gift" *Ruth Elaine Schram*

*** DOXOLOGY** *(See inside back cover of the hymnal)*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN #132 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Andante" *Samuel P. Jackson, arr. Carson Colman*

WELCOME, NEW FRIENDS & VISITORS!

We're glad you're here and hope you find our services meaningful. Please introduce yourself and ask questions so we can properly greet you!

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Mon. March 17	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Tues. March 18	1:00 pm	Linus Quilters
	6:00 pm	Trustees' Meeting
Thur. March 13	12:00 pm	Senior Lunch
	5:00 pm	Bible Study
	6:15 pm	Bell choir practice
	7:15 pm	Chancel choir practice

Find out about more church happenings at newfane.church/calendar.

BIRTHDAYS

Andrea Baker – March 18; Samantha Harlow – March 18;
Ellie Lemire – March 20; Kennedy Shine – March 20

SPECIAL THANKS TO TODAY'S SERVICE LEADERS

Liturgy, Deaconry, Ministry (*Maggie Bills, George Newton, Gabriela De Golia*)

Music (*Jennifer Yocom, Chancel Choir*)

Greeters & Collectors (*Jan Anderson & Karen Fontaine*)

Fellowship & Coffee Hour (*Nancy Derosia*)

MARCH MISSION PARTNER

AIDS Project of Southern Vermont

ADMINISTRATIVE INFO

Rev. Thew will be at the office this week on Tuesday and Thursday from 12-4pm; our administrator will be in from 9am–3pm Tuesday through Thursday. Reach out to schedule an appointment.

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