

NEWFANE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
*AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF
THE UCC*



*John August Swanson, "Last Supper" (2009),
from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of
the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN*

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025, at 10:00 in the Morning
Remembering: From Passover Seder to Last Supper
Communion Observed

All who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE “Shabat Shalom” (Peaceful Sabbath)

Trad. Hebrew

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: This shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to God.

MANY: God heard our voices and heeded our cries.

ONE: Come to prepare yourselves for the journey of faith. God sets before us a memorial feast.

MANY: We have gathered to break bread together. We will lift up the cup of salvation.

ONE: Come to embrace the new covenant God offers. Eat and drink in remembrance of Christ.

MANY: We come to be cleansed and healed. God will equip us here to love and serve one another.

***HYMN # 695 “As We Gather at Your Table”**

INVOCATION *(responsive)*

ONE: *On this Communion day, O God, you link us with siblings who celebrate the Passover, even as we remember an upper-room gathering that began a new observance. We gather as disciples awaiting a word of assurance and promise. We seek protection from all who insist on conformity to their narrow points of view. We seek empowerment at the table of remembrance and celebration.*

ALL: **We long to love as we have been loved, to serve as Christ has served among us, to live lives of thanksgiving that fulfill our vows to you and to one another. Take us back to that upper room that we may know Christ's presence and be transformed right here, right now. Amen.**

(A time of reflective silence)

May Peace and Hope be with you. And also with you.

*** THE PEACE**

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

SCRIPTURE READING NRSVUE

Luke 22:7-20 – NRSV Updated Edition

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John,

saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." ⁹ They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" ¹⁰ "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'" ¹² He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." ¹³ So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁴ When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶ for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among

yourselves, ¹⁸ for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

SERMON Deb Barry

WORDS OF SACRAMENT Thew Deen
(Please remain seated. A deacon will serve you.)

SHARING THE ELEMENTS Thew Deen

COMMUNION SONG “**Bind Us Together**”
(see insert)

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS Thew Deen

COMMUNITY PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO GIVE Deb Barry

As the congregations of Israel brought the best lambs from their flocks as offerings, we are invited to bring our best in

Thanksgiving to God. This is a time to express our gratitude for all God's bounty. In this act of worship we share the love of God, through the ministries and outreach of this church.

OFFERTORY "Go Down, Moses" Chancel
Choir

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN # 275** "An Upper Room Did Our
Lord Prepare"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Haleluhu" *Trad. Hebrew*

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. Apr. 7	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Tues. Apr. 8	4:00 pm	Sew Whats
Thur. Apr. 10	12:00 pm	Senior Lunch
	5:00 pm	Bible Study
	6:15 pm	Bell Choir Practice
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Practice

BIRTHDAYS

Rob Hamm – April 6; Joan Lyman – April 6
Chris Petrak – April 7; Doug Wellman – April 10
Kimberley McCormick – April 12

SPECIAL THANKS TO TODAY'S SERVICE LEADERS

Liturgy, Deaconry & Ministry (Deb Barry, Thew Deen)
Music (Jennifer Yocom, Chancel Choir)
Greeters & Collectors

APRIL MISSION PARTNERS

Brattleboro Area Interfaith Youth Group (BAIYG)
Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center (BEEC)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFO

Rev. Thew will be in the office this week on Tuesday and Thursday from 12 to 4pm. Our administrator is at church from 9am–3pm Tuesday through Thursday.

Reach out to schedule an appointment.

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