

NEWFANE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

AN OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE UCC



“You, eternal Trinity, are a deep sea, in which the more I seek, the more I find; and the more I find, the more I seek. You fill the soul with your joy and intimacy beyond all telling.”

—Catherine of Siena

Gracious and renewing God, you call us to put away the patterns of fear and clothe ourselves in love. You make space within us for kindness to take root and for gratitude to bloom. In this time of worship, help us to remember who we are in you: chosen, holy, and beloved. Let your peace dwell richly in us, and shape in us lives that radiate your grace. Amen.

*** THE PEACE**

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Gabriela De Golia

Colossians 3:1-17 NRSVue

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew,

circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

YOUTH MESSAGE

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REFLECTION

Thew Deen

WORDS OF SACRAMENT

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

(Please remain seated. A deacon will serve you.)

COMMUNION SONG "Bind Us Together" (see insert)

COMMUNITY PRAYER

(The sharing of joys and concerns, concluding with the Lord's Prayer; please feel free to use whatever designation for God is personally most meaningful for you—e.g., "Our Father," "Our Mother," "Our Creator," etc.)

INVITATION TO GIVE

Greeters & Collectors (Jason Hartnett & Haleigh
Corbosiero-Hartnett)

Coffee Hour Host (Karen Fontaine)

AUGUST MISSION PARTNERS

Townshend Food Shelf
Valley Village (formerly Valley Cares)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFO

Rev. Thew will be in the office this week on Wednesday 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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