

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE *Variations on "America"* Musicus/Linker

[We request that the chimes be the signal for a time of quiet meditation before the service]

MOMENT OF GREETING AND CONCERNS

[We invite everyone to fill out the **Fellowship Pad** in their pew at this time. Please pass this pad down your pew and back again. Thank you.]

***HYMN No. 236** *Life of Ages, Richly Poured*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lovely is the custom that brings us together in this place
in the presence of the Most High --

People: to renew our connection with the roots through which our
living is nourished and sustained;

Leader: to reclaim the wider meanings revealed in moments of
high faith;

People: to rejoice in our fellowship with all those in whom the
spirit of God has been made visible.

Leader: In all these things may we find strength and renewal and
the assurance that in our journeying we do not journey
alone.

People: May our hearts this day be invaded by grace, our tongues
captured for thanksgiving and praise.

INVOCATION (in unison)

Sovereign God, the large heavens, the new day, the countless graces that shape our life are all given by your mercy and sustained by your power; and in that mercy and power may our fellowship, here gathered, find meaning and depth. So be within us the speech and supplication of our prayers and make in our hearts a listening for all that would nourish the best in us. Encourage us in the risks of compassion. Teach us awe before the holy mysteries. Let us come to you with confession, hear your voice with reverence, and go again into the world with joy because you are God and faithful to us forever. In Jesus' name: "Our Father..."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

CHORAL INTERLUDE

RESPONSIVE READING No. 68

***GLORIA PATRI No. 513**

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55: 6-11

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CALL TO PRAYER No. 531

[Congregation is asked to sing with the choir where indicated "People."]

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray: O Lord show Thy mercy upon us.

People: And grant us Thy Salvation

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,

People: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

***HYMN No. 294** *Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds*

OFFERTORY

Anthem

*Doxology - No. 515

Offertory Prayer

SERMON "A Place of Welcome" Rev. Robert Gardiner

***TRUTH & LIGHT HYMN** *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

***POSTLUDE** *God Bless Our Native Land* arr. Linker

*Those who are able, please stand

Visitors - We welcome you to our church fellowship and hope you will come again. We invite you to sign the *Friendship Pad* that is passed in the pew or sign the guest book in the narthex. There are many new faces in our congregation; we encourage those with name tags to please wear them. **Childcare** for ages infant through six years is available downstairs in Room 10.

Please turn off your cell phones.

Please note! Hearing-aid devices and print-outs of the day's sermon are available. Please speak to a Deacon.

Please join us for "Punch on the Portico" after our service.

Greeters are Jean & Phil Holmes and Cynthia Sacht.

Ushers are Sandy & Don Abt and Judy & Bob Nickerson.

Lay reader is Penny Foster.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Jim & Cathy Holmes in loving memory of their nephew, Thomas Abruzzi.

Deacons of the Month are Marcia Young and Ed Jackson.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tues., July 13

10:00 a.m. Friendly Circle

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week our guest minister will be Rev. Chuck Wildman.

Church School Corner - Church School classes are not held during the summer. However, childcare for ages infant through 6 years is available downstairs in Room 10. Our program begins again on September 12 followed by a hot dog picnic on the portico. 2010-2011 rotation themes include: Joseph in Egypt, The Prodigal Son, Follow the Star (Christmas), Zacchaeus, Easter Around the World, and Daniel. Our new Youth Group will include grades 4-6 and will meet once-a-month on Sunday evenings beginning in September. **JOIN THE FUN!!!**

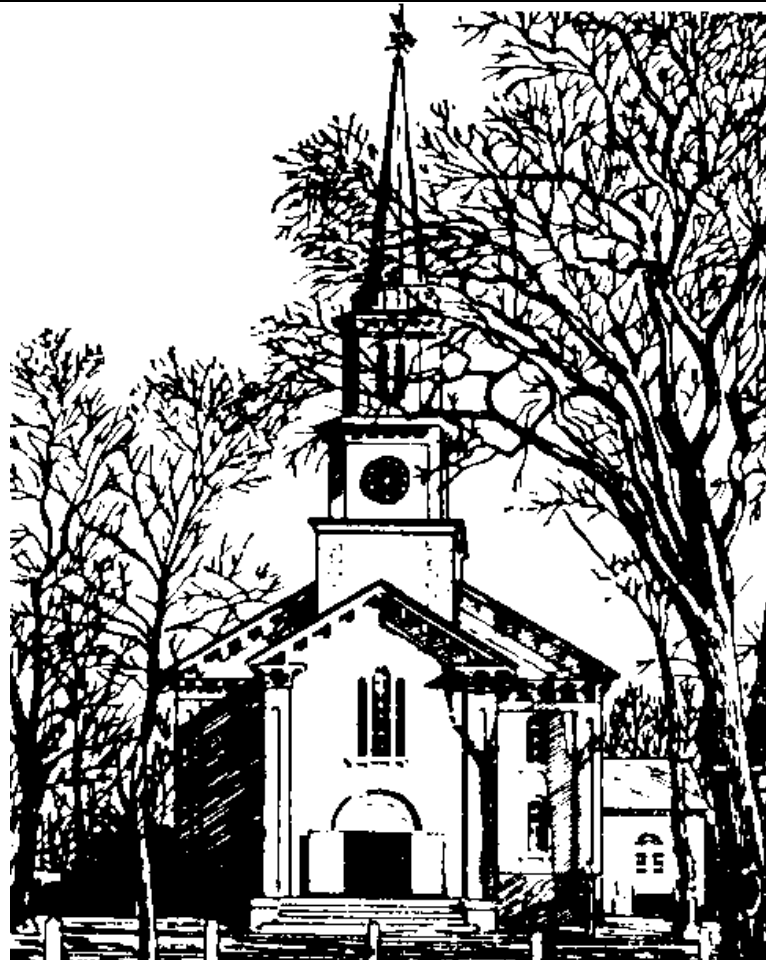
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**Sunday, July 11, 2010
10:00 a.m.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

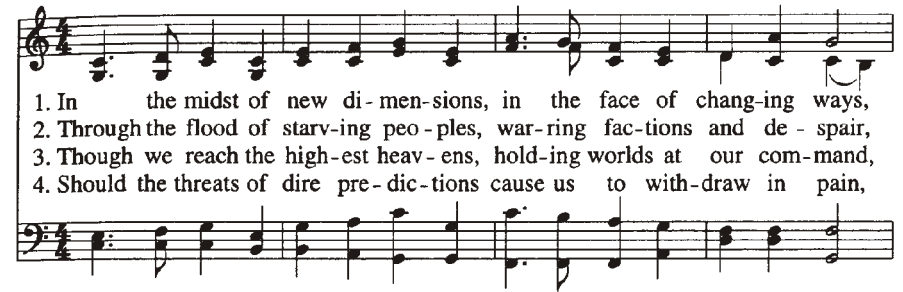
This morning we are pleased to welcome once again **Rev. Bob Gardiner**, who has graced our pulpit for the past two summers and now returns for another engagement. Bob is a retired UCC minister, living with his wife, Lorraine, in Centerville. Since retiring, he has found a “second career” writing light, comic verse. His first volume of poetry, *Funny Stuff*, was published in 2007 and he is hard at work writing poems for another volume (maybe 2012?).

HELP! Summer is here and your help is needed to keep our church welcoming and friendly. We still need two adults, who are not married to each other, for young child care in Room 10 during church services on a couple of Sundays in August. Please consider signing up for one Sunday (or more!) on the sheet on the Opportunity Table in the lobby of Fellowship Hall. Often, no children show up to require care, so you just go up to the service after 10:25 a.m. Questions? Call Jo Ann Coleman at 508-563-5574.

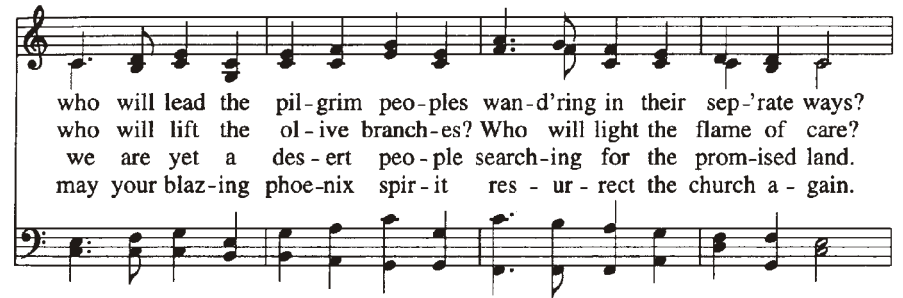
Our church is seeking to hire a **Director of Christian Education**. We are looking for a dynamic person to oversee our active Church School and youth program. The position requires approximately. 20 hrs/wk with eight weeks off during the summer. Resumes should be sent to First Congregational Church, Attn: CE Search, 68 Main St., Falmouth, MA 02540 or emailed to: dcsearch@firstcongfalmouth.org.

In the Midst of New Dimensions

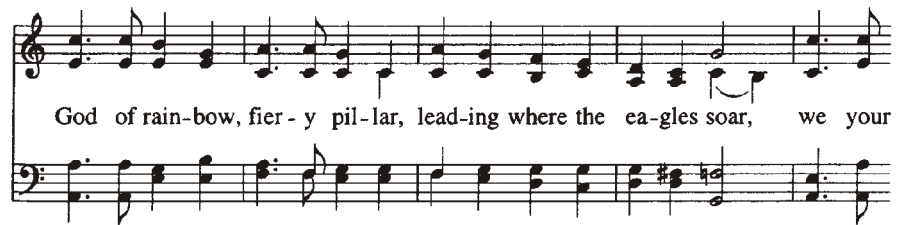
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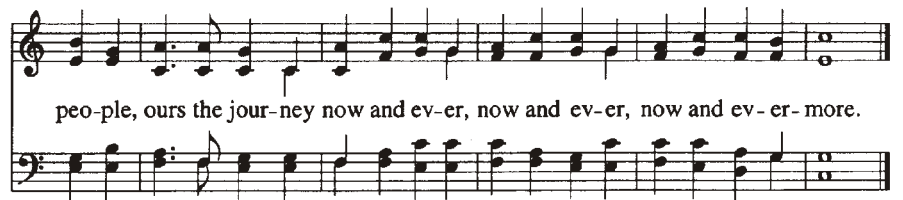
1. In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
2. Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ples, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,
3. Though we reach the high-est heav-ens, hold-ing worlds at our com-mand,
4. Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,



who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-d'ring in their sep-'rate ways?
who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
we are yet a des-ert peo-ple search-ing for the prom-ised land.
may your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.



God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, we your



peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er-more.

WORDS: Julian B. Rush, 1985, alt.

MUSIC: Julian B. Rush, 1985; arr. *The New Century Hymnal*, 1995, alt.

NEW DIMENSIONS

87.87 w. refrain

This hymn on diversity was written for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference of United Methodists. Rush is director of the Colorado AIDS Project.

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