

**West Newbury Congregational Church**

February 26, 2012

Rev. Cynthia Batten, Minister

Parsonage: 429-2869

Judy Vaughan, Organist

**Order of Worship**

**Prelude**      *“Alas, Did My Savior Bleed?”*      Hugh Wilson  
arr. Dennis Johnson

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Introit**      *“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”*      Doris Akers

**Call to Worship**

If you think that you are standing fast in faith and faithfulness, watch that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone.

**God is faithful and will not let us be tested beyond our strength, but with the testing, God will also provide the way out so that we may be able to endure it.**

Let us worship God and pray to be made courageous and strong, that we may be able to resist the tempter of our souls.

**\*Hymn (blue) #408      *“How Firm a Foundation”***

**Unison Prayer**

**O God, You know us through and through. You know the many choices we face each day. We choose between right and wrong, between greater and lesser evils; we choose what will be important to us in life. As You strengthened Jesus to choose rightly when He was tempted in the wilderness, so strengthen us, through your presence and Spirit, when we face temptation, that we may walk in the paths most pleasing to You. We pray in Christ’s name and as He taught**

**The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)**

**\*Gloria Patri #513 (red)**

**Youth Time**

Anthem      *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*  
Text, George Crosby, Music. Frederck C. Atkinson

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**The Call to Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Let us now humble ourselves before God and each other.

**Prepare us for our Lenten journey, O God. Give us the courage to venture into the challenging places of heart and spirit. Strengthen us that we might learn and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Join us with others on our Lenten journeys, O God. In faithful solidarity we will search out dark forces of oppression and overcome them with the light of Christ. Be with us throughout the whole Lenten journey, O God, that at the foot of the cross, we might look up and understand your wondrous love.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Prayer Response**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**      *“Sinfonia”*      Henry Purcell

**\*Doxology # 515 (red)**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Greetings from our Grafton-Orange Association Visitors**

**\*Hymn (red) # 153**

*“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 1: 9-15**

**Sermon**

*“Tempered by Temptation”*

**Hymn (red) #363 or (blue) #151**

*“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*“Tannhauser March”*

Richard Wagner

\*Those who are able may stand

**Deacons “on call” for February**

Patsy Cole 802-429-2123

John Nininger 802-429-2490

Time to gather together **Church World Service hygiene and school kits.** See Doris Barrett for details.

Choir practice is every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. All voices are welcome to join in and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

*Please power off your cell phones during worship as they interfere with the sound system*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Feb.**

- 26<sup>th</sup> First Sunday in Lent  
 Birthday and anniversary celebration  
 Visitation from Grafton-Orange  
 Association team
- 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at parsonage  
 7:00 p.m. Cabinet meeting at parsonage
- 29<sup>th</sup> Rev. Cindy will attend Clergy Day at NH  
 Conference UCC in Pembroke, NH

### **March**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 – 2 p.m. Backroom Rummage Sale at the Hall
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rev. Lynn Bunjak, UCC Conference  
 Minister will visit and preach
- Communion Sunday  
 Bring donations for the Back Room
- 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at parsonage
- 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at parsonage
- 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Back Room meeting at the Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Watch meeting at Hall
- 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. Award Ceremony at the State House
- 17<sup>th</sup> Grafton-Orange Association Spring Training in  
 Lyme, NH. Brochures and registration forms  
 available.
- 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Bible study at parsonage  
 1:00 p.m. Womens' fellowship meeting at Aroline  
 Putnam's home, speaker:  
 Fanny Mallory: The Writing Process  
 7 p.m. Diaconate meeting at parsonage
- 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m. Square Dance at the Hall

Visit the church's website at [www.WestNewburyChurch.org](http://www.WestNewburyChurch.org)

Hospice Discussions: Beginning on February 29, Hospice will be holding six sessions during which people who are grieving will have an opportunity to discuss their experiences. The sessions will be held at St. Martin's Episcopal Church (on Lake Morey Road, north of the Fairlee Fire Station) in Fairlee and are based on a curriculum developed by Hospice. The sessions will be led by Bob Jone, a Hospice volunteer and St. Martin's parishioner, and by Florence Thornton, a registered nurse and Hospice volunteer. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings at St. Martin's, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

### **Lenten Worship services**

#### **5 p.m. Table Fellowship at**

- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> Woodsville, NH Methodist Church
- March 4<sup>th</sup> St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Woodsville
- 11<sup>th</sup> So. Ryegate, VT Presbyterian Church
- 18<sup>th</sup> Groton, VT Methodist Church
- 35<sup>th</sup> Haverhill, NH Congregational Church

#### **7 p.m. Worship at**

- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> Bradford Congregational, Rev. Caldwell preaching
- March 4<sup>th</sup> Grace Methodist, Bradford, Rev. Batten preaching
- March 11<sup>th</sup> OLPH, Bradford, Rev. Lapinzyck preaching
- March 18<sup>th</sup> Piermont Congregational, Fr. Vincent preaching
- March 25<sup>th</sup> West Newbury, Mal Kircher preaching
- April 1<sup>st</sup> Palm Sunday Music Festival at Bradford UCC

