

West Newbury Congregational Church

March 25, 2012

Rev. Cynthia Batten, Minister

Parsonage: 429-2869

Judy Vaughan, Organist

Order of Worship

Prelude *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”* arr. Don Hustad

Greetings and Announcements

Introit *“Rock of Ages”*
text: A. Toplady music: Thomas Hastings

Call to Worship

The days are surely coming to affirm a new covenant, says our God.

We call on God’s steadfast love and mercy. We seek a strong and vital relationship with our God.

God’s law will be written on our hearts. Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithlessness.

We are eager to know the God who loves us and ready to learn God’s intention for us.

God offers the joy of salvation. Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness restored.

We are open to the new and right spirit God offers.

We seek guidance for our daily living.

***Hymn (red) #38** *“Morning Has Broken”*

Unison Prayer

God, You are as close to us as a heartbeat. Even when we run from You, still You draw us close. Create in us clean hearts, O God. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may find joy and gladness in your presence. In this time of worship, help us to remember your never-ending love, your boundless grace and the new covenants You offer to us time and again. We pray in Christ’s name and as He taught...

The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

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

Psalter Reading p. 523-4 (red) # 80 **Psalm 51**

Youth Time

Anthem *“Victory in Jesus”* Eugene M. Bartlett

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.

Creator God, we confess, we are tempted to lose faith and even to rail against You when trouble assails us.

Only in retrospect are we willing to see how You were present with us, working in our grieving, changing our attitudes, healing our emotions, bringing us finally to new life. We confess that in anger, fear or despair we may resist what You wait patiently to do for us.

Forgive us for failing to be constant in trusting You, for being negligent in thanking You and careless in making special times in our lives just to be with You, in love. Forgive and transform us in the desert of our sin.

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 *“Air en Echo”* M.R. de La Lande

***Doxology # 515 (red)**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn (blue) #657** *“Cleanse Me”*

Old Testament Reading **Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34**

Sermon *“Deep in Our Hearts”*

Hymn (blue) #552 *“I Am Thine, O Lord”*

***Benediction**

Let us go from here, listening for God

God speaks in every heartbeat.

Let us go from here to serve God

God’s law is written on our hearts!

Let us go in the presence of God

**God has declared that only a heartbeat away is the
promise of resurrection.**

Thanks be to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Postlude *“Trumpet Finale”* Tommaso Albinoni

*Those who are able may stand

Deacons “on call” for March

Ginnie Fuller – 802-866-5501

William Marsh – 802-429-2103

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March

Lenten Worship services 5 p.m. Table Fellowship at

25th Haverhill, NH Congregational Church

7 p.m. Worship at

West Newbury, Mal Kircher preaching

26th 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at parsonage

April

1st 7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Concert at Bradford UCC

5th 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Newbury UCC

6th 3:30 movie "The Passion" at North Haverhill, NH Church

5:30 Carrying the Rugged Cross from North Haverhill
Church to the Trinity Church of the Nazarene

7:00 Special Good Friday Service Trinity Church of the
Nazarene, North Haverhill, NH

8th 6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at parsonage
Followed by potluck breakfast at the Hall

10:45 a.m. Easter worship in the sanctuary

10th 7:00 p.m. Back Room Meeting at parsonage

16th 7:00 p.m. Diaconate meeting at parsonage

21st Back Room Yard Sale at Hall

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!

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