

**West Newbury Congregational Church**

June 17, 2012

Rev. Cynthia Batten, Minister

Parsonage: 429-2869

Judy Vaughan, Organist

**Order of Worship**

**Prelude**      *“Gently Raise the Sacred Strain”*      Th Griggs

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Introit**      *“Happy the Home When God is There”*  
words: Henry Ware    music: John B. Dykes

**Call to Worship**

As seed is scattered in the hope of new growth,

**So are we gathered, then sent out by the generous  
and hopeful love of God**

And as plants take root deep within nourishing soils,

**So are we invited to find our lives in the very heart  
of God.**

Friends, be strengthened and encouraged. Let us open  
ourselves to the God who delights in our growth as people of  
wisdom, spirit and compassion.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn (insert)**      *“For the Fruit of All Creation”*

**Unison Prayer**

**God of seed and of harvest, whose ways are sure even when  
they remain matters of hope: prepare our lives for the  
growth You would bring. Ready us to flourish as your  
children, whose lives can bloom love, justice and welcome.**

**We ask all this in Jesus’ name who taught us to pray saying:  
The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)**

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

**Youth time**

**Anthem**      *“We Come Unto Our Father’s God”*      Th Gill

**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.

**God of all our hopes, we confess that even as we call  
upon You, there are parts of us that turn away and do not  
want the changes of the new life You give. We can allow  
our hurts and wounds to curtain our hearts with bitterness  
and fear. Forgive us, God, and loosen the ties of the past  
that bind us. Help us to connect with You, our true heart’s  
desire, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**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**      *“Romance”* from *Serenade for Strings*  
W. A. Mozart

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Creator God, for the miracle of life silently going on around  
and through us every second of the day, we give You great  
thanks. May we also be flourishing givers of life and love,  
and may these presented gifts reflect that heartfelt desire.**

**Bless and multiply them and us to scatter your life-giving grace and love abroad. Amen.**

**\*Hymn # 365 (Red)**      “Faith of Our Fathers”

**Gospel Reading**                      **Mark 4: 26 - 34**

**Sermon**                                      **“Flourishing!”**

**\*Hymn #460 (red)**      *“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                                      *“Trumpet Finale”*      D. Gabrieli

**\*Those who are able may stand**

*Diaconate “on call” for June*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**June**

17<sup>th</sup>

Donations for **Zimbabwe**. The cost is **\$9 per cubic foot** for shipping. Checks may be made out to 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church Wakefield (FCCW) and given to Cindy. Thank you!

18<sup>th</sup>      10:30 a.m.      Bible Study at the parsonage  
                 12 noon      Women’s Fellowship picnic  
                                      at Elizabeth’s Park, Bradford

24<sup>th</sup>                                      Birthday and Anniversary Sunday

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as they interfere with the sound system**