

West Newbury Congregational Church

May 6, 2012

Rev. Cynthia Batten, Minister

Parsonage: 429-2869

JoAnn Winn, Organist

Order of Worship

Prelude

Greetings and Announcements

Introit *“We Have Come Into His House”*

Call to Worship

Come, let us praise God, who promises us forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace.

Let us praise Christ, who is present with us in trial and rejoicing.

Let us sing together with the church universal in thanksgiving to the God of grace, love and peace.

***Hymn #444 (blue)** *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

Unison Prayer

God of love, You have loved us first and continue to love us. We come before You a people longing to love You in return. We hunger for your healing love in our lives, so we can love You, ourselves and our neighbors. Come to us this day and fill our longing. We pray in Christ’s name, as He taught us: The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

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

New Testament Reading I John 4: 7 - 21

Special Music *“May Day Carol”* Traditional
Ramona Gallant, guitar

Youth Time

Anthem *“God of Peace”*

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 of friendships, whose love lifts us from mindless servitude to caring community, we thank You for the guidance of your commandments and the promise of joy in Jesus Christ. We seek to love as we have been loved, to risk life itself for the sake of our sisters and brothers, and to bear fruit that will last. Grant us the strength and courage we need to share our faith in word and deed.

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

***Doxology # 515 (red)**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn # 418 (red)** *“O Master Let Me Walk With Thee”*

New Testament Reading **Acts 8: 26 - 40**

Sermon *“Companions on the Way”*

***Communion Hymn #464 (blue)** *“Come to the Table”*

Communion

***Hymn #272 (red)** *“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”*

***Benediction**

Postlude

***Those who are able may stand**

Diaconate “on call” for May

Patsy Cole 802-429-2123

John Nininger 802-222-1860

Choir Practice is every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

All voices are welcome

The Sunday School children are still collecting

RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND CANS

Please place them in the blue bucket

Benefits the Heifer Project

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May

- 6th 3:00 p.m. North Country Chorus concert at Peacham Church
- 7th 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at the parsonage
- 8th 7:00 p.m. CPR training at the Hall
- 13th Mother's Day – Blanket Sunday
- 14th 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at the parsonage
- 19th 7:00 p.m. Variety Show at the Hall
- 20th New Members join during worship
- 21st 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at parsonage
1:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship at Linda Taylor's Safari in Africa
7:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting at parsonage
- 26th Back Room Plant Sale at Hall
8:00 p.m. Square Dance at Hall
- 27th Free Blood pressure checks after worship

June

- 2 – 3 VT. Conference Annual Meeting at VTC

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