

West Newbury Congregational Church

April 29, 2012

Rev. Cynthia Batten, Minister

Parsonage: 429-2869

Judy Vaughan, Organist

Order of Worship

Prelude “*Sinfonia*” Henry Purcell

Greetings and Announcements

Introit “Listen to Your Savior Call” French melody

Call to Worship

Jesus the Good Shepherd has called us to be his flock. We are gathered here as sheep of Christ’s fold, followers of Christ.

Listening, we hear the Shepherd’s voice. Trusting, we seek to do the Shepherd’s will.

Let us give thanks and praise to Jesus who calls and names us his own, and worship God who has provided us with a shepherd to love, lead and keep us in safety.

***Hymn #688 (blue) “Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

Unison Prayer

**Caring God, we worship You for your everlasting goodness to your people. When we were lost, You sent Jesus to be the shepherd of our souls. He shared our earthly life, claimed us and named us his own flock. Knowing our human need for ongoing counsel and comfort, challenge and companionship, You raised Him from death, to be with us forever in the Spirit. Receive our grateful praise and help us to faithfully follow Him who is a faithful shepherd to us. We pray in Christ’s name and as He taught us:
The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)**

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

Psalm 23 p. 518 (red) #69

Youth Time

Anthem “*Gift of Love*” words R Trupie, music Hodie

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.

Gracious God, You care for us as a good shepherd cares for their sheep. When we ignore your call, forgive us. When we get ourselves into trouble, forgive us. Help us to be more aware of your love for us, and teach us to love each other as You love and care for us. Build up our trust in your unfailing and eternal love and grace.

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 “Adagio” Pietro Nardini

***Doxology # 515 (red)**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn # 683 (blue) “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

Gospel Reading John 10: 10 – 18
New Testament Reading I John 3: 16 - 24
Sermon *“A Shepherd’s Love”*
***Hymn #691 (blue)** *“Surely Goodness and Mercy”*
***Benediction**

Postlude *“Go Forth My Heart”* Gottfried Fischer

***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

April

29th Birthday and anniversary celebration

4:00 p.m. Daffodil walk at Wilson's

**Church World Service School and
Health kits due today.**

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

May

5th 6:00 p.m. Potluck supper and gathering at John
Nininger's home, at 3714 North Road, with minister,
deaconate and any who are interested in learning more
about our Church and/or considering becoming a
member or associate member.

6th Communion Sunday
Donations for the Back room

7th 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at the parsonage

8th 7:00 p.m. CPR training at the Hall

13th Mother's Day

14th 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at the parsonage

19th 7:00 p.m. Variety Show at the Hall

26th Back Room Plant Sale at Hall
8:00 p.m. Square Dance at Hall