

West Newbury Congregational Church

May 13, 2012

Rev. Cynthia Batten, Minister

Parsonage: 429-2869

Judy Vaughan, Organist

Order of Worship

Prelude “*Jesus the Very Thought of Thee*” Emma Lou Diemer

Greetings and Announcements

Introit “*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*” Montgomery/Lockhart

Call to Worship

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God’s love might be made plain among us.

Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech only, but also in deed and in truth.

This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ.

***Hymn #90 (blue) or #8 (red)** “*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*”

Unison Prayer

Loving God, we thank You for the homes in which we were nurtured, and for the love that our mothers and fathers had for us. We thank You also for the new birth that Christ offers us through Your love, and for the larger family we find in the church and among the people of the world.

Through the power of your Spirit, make us alive to love and serve You in our families, our church, and our world. We pray in Christ’s name, as He taught us:

The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

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

New Testament Reading I John 5: 1 - 5

Youth Time *Mother’s Day CWS Blankets and Tools*

Anthem “*O Love Divine and Golden*” John Dykes

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, Dresser of Vines, we confess that we have been more willing to consume the fruits of others than to bear fruit ourselves. We have too often refused to give of ourselves when the harvest is uncertain. We have not been fruitful when we depended too much on ourselves and not enough on You. Help us, God, to abide in your true vine, Jesus the Christ, so we can bear much fruit as channels for your grace, branches who feed on your life-giving Spirit, bearers of your word of love and joy, in Jesus Christ.

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 *March from "Scipio"* G.F. Handel

***Doxology** # 515 (red)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn (insert)** *“O God, Whose Steadfast Love”*

Gospel Reading John 15: 1-17

Sermon *“Fruitful Abiding”*

***Hymn #451 (blue)** *“A Christian Home”*

***Benediction**

Postlude *“ Soliloquy”* Gordon Young

***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

- 13th Mother's Day – Blanket Sunday
- 14th 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at the parsonage
- 15th 7:00 p.m. Back Room Meeting at Hope Saunder's
- 19th 7:00 p.m. Variety Show at the Hall
- 20th New Members join during worship
- 4:00 p.m. Lilac Walk and Tea at Wilson's
1030 Urquhart Road, West Newbury
- 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
Randolph Center, VT

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