

West Newbury Congregational Church

May 20, 2012

Rev. Cynthia Batten, Minister

Parsonage: 429-2869

Judy Vaughan, Organist

Order of Worship

Prelude

“The Peace” from Fireworks Music
G.F. Handel, arr. E. Power Biggs

Greetings and Announcements

Introit

“God is Truly With Us” G. Tersteegen

Call to Worship

We have gathered to rejoice in our oneness in Jesus Christ!
Each of us experiences faith and life in a unique way.

**Yet we have one God, one faith, and one baptism,
One Spirit who unites us all.**

Let us lift our hearts as one, in songs of praise, in prayer and in
listening for God’s word.

**Even when we leave this place, let us be joined in
common concern for humanity, like that shown by
Jesus Christ.**

***Hymn #788 (blue) or # 29 (red) “Now Thank We All Our God”**

Unison Prayer

**O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we
have gathered in your presence to sing your praise. Gather
up the prayer of each heart into one harmony of worship
and service, that we might truly be one body in Christ.
Accept the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our
hearts, for we are yours in Christ. We pray in Christ’s
name, as He taught us:**

The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

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

Baptism and New members join

Youth Time

Anthem *“Hail the Day that Sees Christ Rise”* Charles Wesley

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.

**Eternal God, revealed to us in ways we can begin to
understand through Jesus Christ, show us now what You
expect of us as we seek the unity for which Jesus prayed.
May we find joy in your Word as we share it with others.
May we discover your truth that unites us with all your
children everywhere in acts of self-giving love that bring us
closer to your realm. Make our ways your ways. Send your
Spirit to lead us in ordering our lives and our church in
ways that share your 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 *“Behold the Host All Robed In Light”* Edvard Greig

***Doxology # 515 (red)**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #268 (red) “Lord We Thank Thee for Our Brothers”**

Gospel Reading

John 17: 6 - 19

Sermon

"It's Not Easy"

***Hymn # 366 (red)** *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

***Benediction**

Women of the church

You are our blessing and you are blessed!

Men of the church

You are our blessing and you are blessed!

Children of the church

You are our blessing and you are blessed!

Challengers and disturbers

You are our blessing and you are blessed!

Questioners and provokers

You are our blessing and you are blessed!

Leaders and followers

You are our blessing and you are blessed!

All of God's people

You are our blessing and you are blessed!

Go in peace as God's blessed people. Amen.

Postlude

"Pastorale"

G. Sammartini

***Those who are able may stand**

Diaconate "on call" for May

Patsy Cole 802-429-2123

John Nininger 802-222-1860

Visit the church's website at www.WestNewburyChurch.org

The Sunday School children are still collecting

RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND CANS

Please place them in the blue bucket

Benefits the Heifer Project

Baptism and Reception of New Members

Dean T. Bascom

Donna S. Doel

Pamela B. Wilcox

Leslie E. Batten

Caroline E. George

Invitation and address

Scripture Reading

Questions of the Candidates

Baptism of Donna Doel

Pouring the water and prayer

Congregation's Assent:

"We promise our love, support and care."

Baptism and prayer

Affirmation of Faith – West Newbury Covenant

Question about participation

Congregation's welcome and Assent

"We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior"

Greeting of Christian Love

Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May
20th

New Members join during worship

1:30 p.m. Dance Recital at Bradford Academy

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

7:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting at parsonage

26th 9 – 2p.m. Back Room Plant Sale at Hall

8:00 p.m. Square Dance at Hall

27th Free Blood pressure checks after worship

Birthday and Anniversary celebration

28th Memorial Day – no Bible Study

June
2 – 3

VT. Conference Annual Meeting at VTC
Randolph Center, VT

4th 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at parsonage

10th Youth Sunday

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