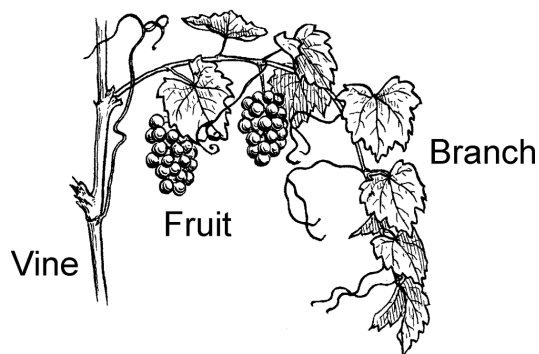


Fryeburg New Church

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Welcome to
Fryeburg New Church



Gathering

Prelude
Words of Welcome & Pastoral Welcome
Choral Introit

Connecting

Opening of the Word
Greeting of Neighbours
Opening Hymn: HOS 133 - 'This is My Father's World'

Responsive Reading - from 1John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God,
Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Beloved, since God loves us so much we also ought to love one another.
When we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

God's love was revealed among us through Jesus Christ,
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this, for as he is, so are we in the world.
We love because he first loved us.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear;
The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.
Let us love one another.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever: Amen

Children's Gathering Song - music/words L. Turley/G.Dole

There is no one just like you, you're as special as can be. Everyone is special too, to all eternity.

Children's Message & Birthday Bank

You have special things to do, making others's spirits bright. That's why God created you to share his loving light.

Gathering of Prayer Concerns

Hymn: HOS 140 - 'Sing them over to me again (Wonderful Words of Life)'

Hearing

Psalm 80:1-11

John 15:1-8

Doctrine of Life §102

Musical Meditation (a time to pause and meditate on how the Lord's Word is speaking to you)

Message

Responding

Anthem

Offertory (offertory will be taken up during the anthem)

Presentation and Blessing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, who teaches all we know;

Praise God within, among, above;

Praise God in life with acts of love. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith:

I am blessed to be human upon this earth; it is a gift of creation. I willingly bring to this earth, through my hands and my speech, expressions of love, understanding, and compassion. I give of myself because it truly gives me joy to connect. I make sacred time for myself to reinvigorate my spirit, and to connect to the Love that is God. I give away the act of casting judgment, choosing love over fear. I celebrate my connection to all life. While here, I acknowledge that Love is my heritage and my birthright; I lead with love.

Pastoral and Community Prayers

Sung Response:

**There are angels hov'ring 'round,
There are angels hov'ring 'round,
There are angels, angels hov'ring 'round.**

Silent Prayer

Closing Hymn: Insert - 'Go Now In Peace, Go Now Together'

Benediction & Closing of the Word

Postlude

Who we are. The New Jerusalem Church has held an abiding appreciation of other religions since it was organized in London, in 1787. Our church was instrumental in planning the first Parliament of World Religions, held in Chicago in 1893, and was one of the first churches in the western world to teach that salvation is an inner experience. The writings of the scientist and theologian Emanuel Swedenborg are used as an aid for understanding the inner meaning of the Bible. We believe the Bible is Divinely inspired. It teaches us about the loving and transforming nature of God who is available for everyone. What a person believes is important...even more important is how we live. By opening ourselves to God and each other and living genuinely loving and caring lives, we are doing our part to fulfill the purpose for which we believe every person was brought into being. That purpose is to work with God in creating Heaven on earth.