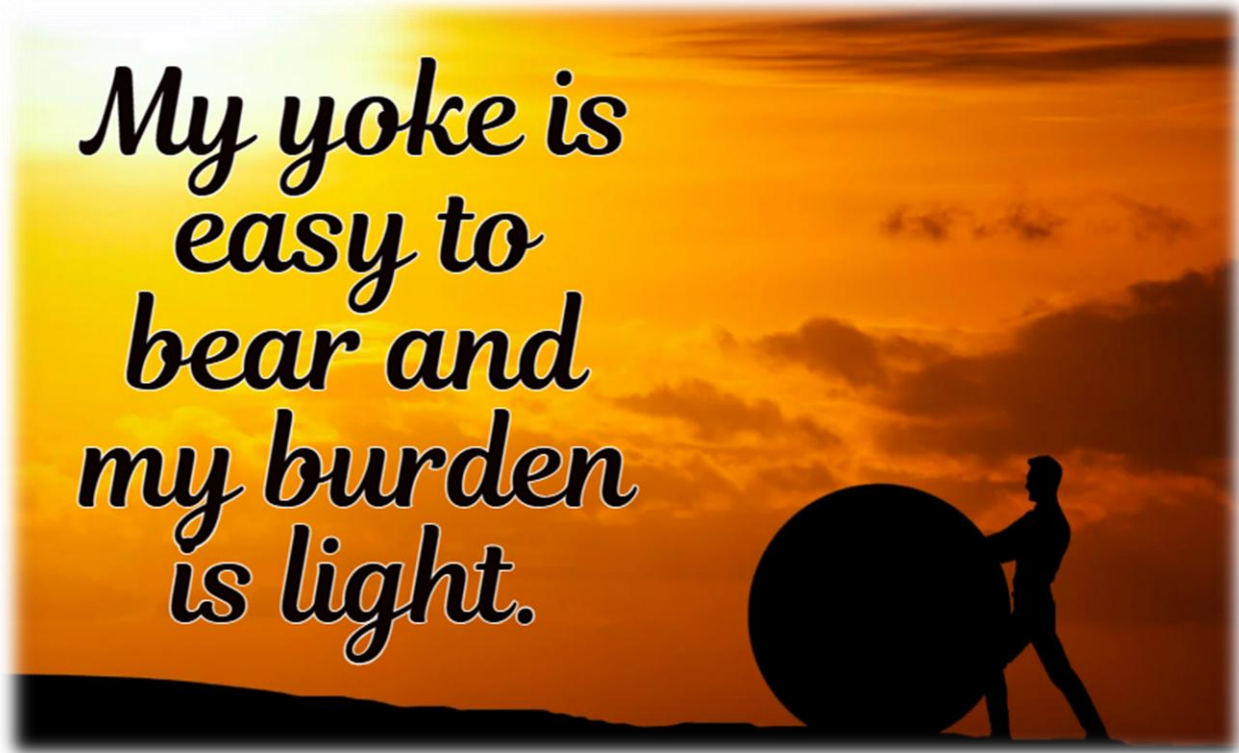


Belleville Congregational Church

*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of the United Church of Christ*



Mission of Belleville Church

Centered in the inclusive love of Jesus Christ, we seek to be a welcoming, affirming, and healing congregation. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to grow and be renewed through our worship, fellowship, scripture study, and the sharing of our gifts. Strengthened by God's love and guidance, we strive to serve with compassion those in need, both near and far.

Led By: Rev. Ross Varney
Ushers: Peggy Utterback
Scripture Reader: Peggy Utterback
Coffee Hour: Kathy Raywood
Musician: Joyce Rice

July

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2026

- (*) where indicated, if able, please stand -

Belleville Congregational Church

July 5th 2026

Let's quiet our hearts and minds during the prelude to welcome God's spirit.

Prelude Music Variations on "My Country, Tis of Thee" (originally "God Save the King")
Christopher Friedrich Beck (1758-1832)

Greeting and Welcome

Rev. Ross Varney

"Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"

Call to Worship

* **Opening Hymn** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" (PH #440)

* **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

* **Gloria Patri** (PH #513)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

* **Passing of Peace**

As a sign of reconciliation with God, and with each other, please greet others, *nearby*, with a blessing such as "Peace be with you."

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Call to Prayer

My Times Are in your Hand

Text: William F. Lloyd (1824)

Music: Joyce Rice

My times are in your hand, My God, I wish them there!

My life, my friends, my soul I leave en-tire-ly to your care.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'My Times Are in your Hand'. It consists of four staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The third line of music corresponds to the third line of lyrics, and the fourth line of music corresponds to the fourth line of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a call to prayer.

Prayer & Silent Prayer

Time for Children...of all ages

Music Moment

The Navy Hymn: “*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*”

arr. Robert J. Hughes (1916-1999)

Scripture Reading

Peggy Utterback

Matthew 11:16-19, 28-30 (Common English Bible)

“To what will I compare this generation? It is like a child sitting in the marketplaces calling out to others, ‘We played the flute for you and you didn’t dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn’t mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ Yet the Human One came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved to be right by her works.”

“Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I’m gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light.”

Hymn

“*This Is My Song*”

(NCH #591)

Sermon

“*Freedom...with Responsibility*”

Rev. Ross Varney

Offering Time

Offering Music Prelude on “*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*” Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

*** Doxology, Dedication of Offerings**

Pilgrim Hymnal #515

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Announcements

***Closing Hymn**

“*God of our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand*”

(PH #433)

Benediction

Postlude Music

“*Let Freedom Ring*”

James Mansfield (1927-2018)

Feel free to leave when ready; please do so quietly. Join us for refreshments in the stage room



Prayers for Joys and Concerns

If you would like prayers for yourself or others, please place your request in the offering plate during worship service. You could also call/e-mail the office by Thursdays by 11:00 AM.

JOYS

Christa and Steve celebrating 55th Wedding Anniversary!
Ellyane's niece Kathryn just got married!
Ellyane: We rejoice with great spirit of the World Cup.
Rachel's nephew Miles had a fun birthday!
Shenae enjoyed fun Drag Queen Shows
Guest Preacher and Area Conference minister, Katie
Lynn's parents will enjoy Lobster at Senior Living on July 4
Peggy's granddaughter hiking soon out in Denver
Peggy rejoicing about children's summer camp experiences

CONCERNS

Venezuela, suffering two massive earthquakes
Latino neighbors
All who lost Temp Protective Status (TPS) recently
Ellyane's brother in Florida is dying
Vonnie: A beloved priest on South Shore due for deportation (expired visa)
Phil: Concern for Chelsea, a gateway city, many losing TPS, especially hard working Haitian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In July Worship, we welcome friends from First Parish of Newbury

August Worship will be held at First Parish of Newbury located at 20 High Road in Newbury
MA 01951 beginning at 9:30 AM

The Greater Newburyport CODA group will no longer be meeting in-person. The meeting is now an online only group which meets Mondays at 7:00 pm using the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/413189526>. For more information, please visit the national coda group website at CODA.org.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

If you are unable to perform the assigned task, please trade with someone on the list.

JULY			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
July 5 th	Peggy Utterback	Peggy Utterback	Kathy Raywood
July 12 th	Audrey Clarkson	Bahhekile Ssemworgerere	Peggy Utterback and Dorothy Williamson
July 19 th	Sue Heersink	Rachel Shunamon	Audrey Clarkson
July 26 th	Sue Wolfendale	Mary Lou Tyler	Mary Lou Tyler

AUGUST AT FIRST PARISH OF NEWBURY

SEPTEMBER			
Date	Usher	Scripture Reader	Coffee Hour
Sept 6 th	Audrey Clarkson	Ben Heersink	Sue Heersink
Sept 13 th	Mardee Beauparlant	Barbara Colton	Lynn Varney
Sep 20 th	Kathy Raywood	Mary Lou Tyler	POTLUCK
Sept 27 th	Sue Wolfendale	Rachel Shunamon	Dorothy Williamson

MUSIC SCHEDULE

JULY

5th – Joyce Rice
 12th – Phil Cosgrove
 19th – Kirsten Helgeland
 26th – Phil Cosgrove

AUGUST AT FIRST PARISH OF NEWBURY

SEPTEMBER

6th – Joyce Rive
 13th – Phil Cosgrove
 20th - Joyce Rice
 27th - Phil Cosgrove

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

1st - Daniel Wilson
 16th - Kelly Conway
 17th – Piper Allard
 20th – Jo Bode
 28th – Steve Wiswell
 31th – Rachel Shunamon

SEPTEMBER

17th - Tim Dean
 19th - Ryan Overbeek
 20th - Lori Wiswell
 20th - Ben Heersink
 26th - Ross Varney

AUGUST

1st - Audrey Clarkson
 8th - Christopher Tyler
 8th - Ron Schmidt
 17th - Mary Lou Tyler
 22th - Mardee Beauparlant
 24th - Elizabeth Neale
 29th - Russell Peirce

*If you would like to add your birthday, please e-mail
 office@belleville-church.com*