

**Rangeley Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Church
*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany***

February 3, 2019

10:00 AM

Meditation:

At the heart of any authentic religious experience is recognition that God's nature is too huge, God's movement too deep, ever to be comprehended by a single conception or point of view.... God's truth is singular and eternal, but the forms in which we give it expression are as finite and fragile as clay pots, and we must always be ready to break them open on behalf of a larger vision of truth.

--Parker Palmer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INVOCATION (**Unison**)

Holy God, we come here this morning to hear your voice calling us to be and do what you have created us to be and do. Let this time of worship energize us for ministry in and with your beloved world.

Let faith abide... Let hope abide... Let love abide...

**here in this sanctuary, here in our community,
here in our world, but most of all, here in us. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

We have come to worship God, the living God,
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

**We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power
of goodness and grace.**

We have come to worship God, the all-gracious God,
Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

Let us worship our God in spirit and truth!

*GATHERING HYMN #69 (PH)

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God of Life, we admit to you and to each other that we
have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience
and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our
own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal
us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate...**

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF HOPE AND ASSURANCE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

SERMON

HYMN OF MEDITATION #286 (NCH)

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

SERVICE OF PRAYER

PRAYER FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

(As you name a joy or concern later in the prayer, please finish by saying “This is my prayer.” The church family responds by saying “This is our prayer.”)

We pray for: Mary Dubay; Sarah Brouse (fiancé of Dubay’s son Steven); Kelly Brooks-Ranney; Susan Johnson; Adam Crump; Roger Roy (significant other of Daphne, Donna Wilcox’s sister); Zeb Wentzell (Terri Wentzell’s grandson); Toni Millette; Becky Walker; Kris Nozal (Marcia Baker’s niece); Karen Lantz; Haelyn Vorous; our law enforcement personnel, first responders and the communities they serve; our military personnel worldwide; and all those who serve our country. And we hold in prayer those friends and members of our church family who are unable to join us in worship today.

OUR LORD’S PRAYER (“forgive us our sins”)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

CHORAL AMEN #812 (NCH)

“Threefold Amen”

SERVICE OF GIVING

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

O God, through the offering of these gifts, may we become a more open people—open-minded in hearing your word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call to charity and enacted love. With thanks for all your good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN “The Gift of Love” (insert)

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Truly it is a good, right, and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, for in your Son Jesus we have seen you face to face. Now and forever, his love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, and through his love the wholeness of all things is continually coming into being. And so with the church on earth and the whole company of heaven we join our voices in their unending hymn of praise, saying...

**Holy, Holy, Holy God of love and majesty,
The whole universe speaks of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

REMEMBERING CHRIST'S WORDS

PRAYING FOR THE SPIRIT

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (**Unison**)

Generous God, in word and bread and cup we have experienced the mystery of your love. Help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #461 (NCH)

"Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Special Thanks to all who helped with the service today:

- + *Kathy Brittain, Liturgist*
- + *Zenna Inness & Marcia Baker, Ushers*
- + *Corinne Sorenson, Sunday School*
- + *Don & Marge Miller, Coffee Hour*

~This Week:

- + Church Council update session led by Rick Baker, immediately following worship in the Barn.
- + “Commandments” Study- Sunday, 2/3, 11:30 am, East Room
- + Prayer Shawl – Monday, 2/4, 2 pm, Barn
- + Christian Education – Tuesday, 2/5, 8:30 am, East Room
- + Pastor Annette’s “Drop In” Hours - Tuesday, 2/5, 1-3 pm, Pastor’s Office
- + Women’s Fellowship – Friday, 2/8, 10 am, Barn

~Next Week:

- + “Commandments” Study- Sunday, 2/10, 11:30 am, East Room
- + Men’s Breakfast – Monday, 2/11, 8 am, Country Club Inn
- + Finance Committee – Monday, 2/11, 3 pm, East Room
- + Church Council – Monday, 2/11, 4 pm, East Room
- + Pastor Annette’s “Drop In” Hours - Tuesday, 2/12, 1-3 pm, Pastor’s Office

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