

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

February 17, 2019

10:00 AM

Meditation:

Joy is prayer; joy is strength; joy is love; joy is a net of love
by which you can catch souls.

-- Mother Teresa

ORDER OF WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"I've Got the Joy"

George Cooke/Pepper Choplin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INVOCATION (**Unison**)

O God, you pour out your spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with burning zeal and steady minds we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Jeremiah 17:7-8*

Liturgist

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

**They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.**

It shall not fear when heat comes,

and its leaves shall stay green;
**in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.**

*GATHERING HYMN #313 (NCH)

“Like a Tree beside the Waters”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Renewing God, trusting in your infinite grace, we confess that we need your healing and your forgiveness. For all that is broken in our minds and bodies, we ask your healing. For all that is amiss in our choices and our relationships, we ask your forgiveness. For all that works against life and blessing in our hearts, and in the world, we open ourselves to your transforming grace. Heal us, forgive us and make us new...

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF HOPE AND ASSURANCE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 1 (read responsively below)

Luke 6:17-26

*Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.*

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.*

*The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.*

SERMON

HYMN OF MEDITATION #67 (Insert)

“Blest Are They”

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: Eva McMillan, Mary Dubay; Sarah Brouse (fiancé of Dubay’s son Steven); 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 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Tune: RESTORATION/Arr. C.A. Reed

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore!
Jesus ready stands to save you,
He is willing, doubt no more!*

*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)

Blessed One, we discover such a contrast to our present culture when we read the Beatitudes. We rejoice that these

gifts will strengthen this congregation's ability to engage in ministries of peace, mercy, comfort, and truth. We dedicate them to you in gratitude for your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #474 (NCH)**

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

"Take the "A' Train"

Billy Strayhorn

Today's featured musician for Black History Month is Billy Strayhorn (1915-1967). This composer and pianist greatly influenced and collaborated with Duke Ellington and Lena Horne over many years. He was a great friend of Dr. Martin Luther King. Ellington wrote of Strayhorn's "four major moral freedoms": "freedom from hate, unconditionally; freedom from self-pity (even through all the pain and bad news); freedom from fear of possibly doing something that might possibly help another more than it might himself and freedom from the kind of pride that might make a man think that he was better than his brother or his neighbor."

Special Thanks to all who helped with the service today:

- + *Cyndy Egan, Liturgist***
- + *Diane VanAmburg & Dick Moore, Ushers***
- + *Lourrie Chandler, Coffee Hour***

~This Week:

- + "Commandments" Study- Sunday, 2/17, 11:30 am, East Room**
- + Rangeley Ringers – Monday, 2/18, 8 am, Sanctuary**

- + Prayer Shawl – Monday, 2/18, 2 pm, Barn
- + Pastor Annette’s “Drop In” Hours - Tuesday, 2/19, 1-3 pm, Pastor’s Office
- + Women’s Fellowship – Friday, 2/22, 10am, Barn

~Next Week:

- + “Commandments” Study- Sunday, 2/24, 11:30 am, East Room
- + Rangeley Ringers – Monday, 2/25, 8 am, Sanctuary
- + Deacons’ Meeting – Monday, 2/25, 4 pm, East Room
- + Pastor Annette’s “Drop In” Hours - Tuesday, 2/26, 1-3 pm, Pastor’s Office

Walking toward God, we the members of the Rangeley Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Rangeley, Maine, seek to be a congregation which includes all persons who desire to have a relationship with God and to live God’s love, as shown to us through the teachings and examples of Jesus Christ.

from our Open and Affirming Statement

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