

**Rangeley Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Church
*Second Sunday of Lent***

March 17, 2019

10:00 AM

Meditation:

You are the peace of all things calm
You are the place to hide from harm
You are the light that shines in dark
You are the heart's eternal spark
You are the door that's open wide
You are the guest who waits inside
You are the stranger at the door
You are the calling of the poor
You are my Lord and with me still
You are my love, keep me from ill
You are the light, the truth, the way
You are my Savior this very day.

--From the celtic oral tradition - 1st millennium

ORDER OF WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

Traditional Irish Melody/ Arr. BK Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INVOCATION (**Unison**)

Eternal One, who grants us rest and raises us to a new day, we give thanks for your watchful care. As you gather us this morning, we open ourselves to the vision you would set before us. Help us to build with you the kind of community that welcomes your prophets and responds in love to all your children. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 27* Liturgist

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

**For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.**

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

**Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!**

“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

Your face, LORD, do I seek.

Teach me your way, O LORD,

and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.**

Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;

Wait for the LORD!

*GATHERING HYMN #38 (PH) “Morning Has Broken”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**Unison**)

Almighty and Ever-Living God, you hate nothing you have made, and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our need, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF HOPE AND ASSURANCE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Philippians 3:17-4:1, 15

Luke 13:31-35

SERMON

HYMN OF MEDITATION #391 (PH) “Be Thou My Vision”

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 (medical tests), Sarah Brouse (fiancé of Dubai's son Steven); Adam Crump; 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

"Danny Boy"

Old Irish Air/Fred Weatherly

***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, we thank you for your great generosity. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from you. Accept these offerings of your people, and grant that the purposes to which they are devoted may prosper under your guidance. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN (bulletin, page 7-8) "O Christ the Same"**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

(please be seated during the Postlude)

"Harrigan"

George M. Cohan

Special Thanks to all who helped with the service today:

- + *Dick Moore, Liturgist***
- + *Lourrie Chandler and Linda Jones, Ushers***
- + *Paula Hatfield, Sunday School***

~This Week:

- + Please stay after church today for the potluck and congregational event in the Barn. Don't worry if you didn't bring anything for the potluck – there will be plenty of food for everyone!**

- ✦ Choir Practice – Sunday, 3/17, 9 am, Sanctuary
- ✦ Rangeley Ringers – Monday, 3/18 8 am, Sanctuary
- ✦ Prayer Shawl Ministry – Monday, 3/18, 2-3:30 p.m., Barn
- ✦ Pastor Annette resumes her “walk-in” hours on Tuesday, 3/19, from 1-3 pm in her office.

~Next Week:

- ✦ Choir Practice – Sunday, 3/24, 9 am, Sanctuary
- ✦ The "Commandments" Bible. We will focus on the fourth commandment regarding Sabbath keeping.
- ✦ Rangeley Ringers – Monday, 3/25, 8 am, Sanctuary
- ✦ Pastor Annette’s “walk-in” hours – Tuesday, 3/26, 1-3 pm in her office.

~Announcements:

- ✦ We are looking for someone interested in a very-part-time job as Church Secretary. For more information or to express interest in the position, please contact Rick Baker, Linda Wendelken or Kathy Brittain. Linda and Kathy will be filling in until we hire a replacement for Ethna.
- ✦ For the months of March and April, the Church Secretary hours will be on Mondays. from 11 am until 2 pm, and Fridays, from 9 am to 11 am.

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O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main,

e - ter - nal Lord, the King of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

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O Christ the Same, continued

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

The first system of musical notation features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The bass staff provides a harmonic foundation with chords and a bass line.

who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,

The second system continues the musical piece. It includes a treble staff with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment, and a bass staff with a bass line. The lyrics describe the power of Christ in creating the universe and sustaining life.

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble staff with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment, and a bass staff with a bass line. The lyrics emphasize the eternal nature of Christ and the gift of salvation.

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

The final system of musical notation concludes the piece. It includes a treble staff with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment, and a bass staff with a bass line. The lyrics express gratitude for the past, present, and future.