

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

April 28, 2019

10:00 AM

Meditation:

Who never doubted never half believed,
Where doubt, there truth is—'tis her shadow.

— *Philip James Bailey*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INVOCATION (**Unison**)

**Risen Christ, for you no door is locked, no entrance barred:
Open the doors of our hearts this day, so that we may be
moved to seek the wellbeing of others and walk with you
the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God
and in the power of the Spirit. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 150, adapted*)

Liturgist

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Praise him with piano and flute;
Praise him with accordion and trombone!
Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

*GATHERING HYMN #230 (NCH)

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living Lord, you come to us, offering us your peace and forgiveness. We believe, yet need your help with our unbelief. We welcome your Holy Spirit, yet fail to spread your peace. Too often we retain the sins of others rather than forgiving them, as you call us to do. Forgive us our past failures and misdeeds and raise us in the power of your Spirit to life anew...

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF HOPE AND ASSURANCE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 5:27-32

John 20:19-31

SERMON

HYMN OF MEDITATION #254 (NCH)

“These Things Did Thomas Count”

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:** Don and Marge Miller, and the family and friends of Marian Halfacre (Marge’s sister); Victor Somma (Corinne’s Sorenson’s brother-in-law); Eva McMillan; Sarah Brouse (fiancé of Dubai’s son, Steven); Zeb Wentzell (Terri Wentzell’s grandson); 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**)

Gracious God, we thank you for revealing to us the breadth and length, the height and depth of your love for us in Jesus. We respond in gratitude with these gifts and with the service of our lives. Consecrate these gifts and our labors, so that your will may be done on earth, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #241 (NCH)

“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

~Special Thanks to:

- + Liturgist – Linda Caspar
- + Ushers – Kit Caspar and Lucy Simonds
- + Coffee Hour – Paula Hatfield, Diane VanAmburg
- + Sunday School – Donna Wilcox
- + And, thanks to Dave Walker for running the music today.

~ This Week:

- + Rick Baker, Church Council President, will review the updates to our Bylaws today, April 28, after a short Coffee Hour. These will be voted upon at our July Annual Meeting.
- + Profile Committee – Monday 4/29, 1-4 pm
- + Pastor Annette's "walk-in" hours – Monday 4/29, 2-4 pm in her office. She will not be in Rangeley on 4/30.

~ Next Week:

- + "The Commandments" Bible study resumes on May 5, starting at approximately 11:30 am.
- + Prayer Shawl Ministry – Monday, 5/6, 2-3:30 pm, Barn.
- + Christian Education – Tuesday, 5/7, 8:30 am, East Room
- + Women's Fellowship – Friday, 5/10, 10-12 pm, Barn

~Announcements:

- + If you are not able to attend the Bylaws updates on April 28, Rick Baker will hold additional update meetings on May 19, and June (date to be determined), for any who are interested in the East Room after the Service.

- ✦ It's Scholarship time! Applications are available in the Barn and in the Narthex. The deadline is June 1. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Mary Richards, at 864-2645.
- ✦ We are looking for someone interested in a very-part-time job as Church Secretary. For more information please contact Rick Baker, or Kathy Brittain.
- ✦ In May, the Church Secretary will generally be in the office on Mondays, from 11 am – 1 pm, and will be available other times by appointment.

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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