

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

May 5, 2019

10:00 AM

Meditation:

“You can safely assume you've created God in your own
image when it turns out that God hates all the same people
you do.”

— *Anne Lamott*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

“He Leadeth Me”

William B. Bradbury/Arr. Larry Shackley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INVOCATION (**Unison**)

**Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and
surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by
your Word and fill us with your Spirit, so that we may
follow you this day and always. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 30*)

Liturgist

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
So that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

*GATHERING HYMN #172 (NCH)

“Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, in the light of your glory
we see the wrong we have done,
the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused,
and the truth we have denied.**

**Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us
with your grace, so that we may follow in your way and
tell the good news of the gospel...**

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF HOPE AND ASSURANCE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 9:1-20

John 21:1-19

SERMON

HYMN OF MEDITATION (See Page 8)

“The Summons”

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: Kathleen Kelley, 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); 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 “Six Studies in English Folksong #3”
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*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**)

**Lord, you call us to feed your lambs and tend your sheep.
And so we dedicate these gifts and our lives to showing
forth your love and care in our world. Amen.**

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN #349 (NCH)

“I Come with Joy”

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 this is the day that you have made, O Lord—the first day of the week, when you created light out of darkness by the power of your Word and Spirit, when you created life out of death, raising Jesus from the grave. 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 grace. Help us so to live our days that we may be signs of your wondrous love in the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #82 (NCH)

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

“The Day of Resurrection”

Henry T. Smart/Arr. Larry Shackley

~Special Thanks to all who helped with the service today:

- + **Lucy Simonds, Liturgist**
- + **Linda Jones and Judy Wicken, Ushers**
- + **Linda Caspar, Coffee Hour**
- + **Corinne Sorenson, Sunday School**
- + **Sam Meehan, for the special music today**

~ This Week:

- + Mission Committee Meeting – Sunday, 5/5, 9am, East Room
- + "The Commandments" Bible study resumes on May 5, starting at approximately 11:30 am, after a short coffee hour. The focus will be the last three commandments.
- + Prayer Shawl Ministry – Monday, 5/6, 2-3:30 pm, Barn
- + Christian Education – Tuesday, 5/7, 8:30 am, East Room
- + Pastor Annette's "walk-in" hours – Tuesday 5/7, 1-3 pm, in her office
- + Women's Fellowship – Friday, 5/10, 10-12 pm, Barn

~ Next Week:

- + Men's Breakfast will meet at 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 13 at a place to be announced.
- + Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, 5/13, 3-4pm, East Room
- + Church Council Meeting – Monday, 5/13, 4pm, East Room

~Announcements:

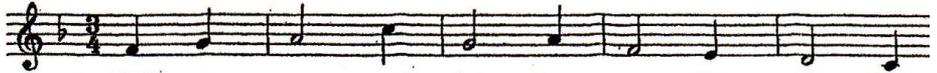
- ✦ If you were not able to attend the Bylaws update on April 28, Rick Baker will hold additional update meetings on May 19 and June (date to be determined), for any who are interested in the East Room after the Service.
- ✦ It's Scholarship time! Applications are available in the Barn and in the Narthex. 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.



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The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but



call your name? Will you go where
 call your name? Will you care for
 call your name? Will you set the
 call your name? Will you quell the
 call my name. Let me turn and



you don't know And nev - er be the same?
 cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
 pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
 fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
 fol - low you And nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, Will you
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
 Will you use the faith you've found To re -
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your



let my name be known, Will you let my
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
 such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
 shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
 love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown In you and you in me?
 an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
 what I mean In you and you in me?
 touch and sound In you and you in me?
 live and grow In you and you in me.