

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

May 19, 2019

10:00 AM

Meditation:

"It is never too late to give up your prejudices."

--Henry David Thoreau

ORDER OF WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Allegro, from Sonata K.332"

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INVOCATION (Unison)

Surprising God, in raising your Son Jesus you have made all things new. We remember how long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences, granting them the gift of your Holy Spirit so that they could enact such love. Give to us that same spirit of love and openness, so that we may discern the new directions to which you call us in our time, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 148)

Liturgist

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise the LORD from the earth,

you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost,

stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

whose glory is above earth and heaven. Praise the LORD!

*GATHERING HYMN #64 (PH)

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our own lives. Forgive our neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to nurture your Spirit within us. Heal and renew us through your love, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name...

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 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

SERMON

HYMN OF MEDITATION #395 (NCH)

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

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: Liz Volckening, Kathleen Kelley (Karen Lantz’s mother); Victor Somma (Corinne’s Sorenson’s brother-in-law); Eva McMillan; Sarah Brouse (fiancé of Dubay’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

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Phillip P. Bliss/Arr. Mark Hayes

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."*

*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)

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of your Son. Accept these gifts, our love offering to you, for your mission to repair and heal all creation. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #402 (NCH)

“Sing of Colors”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

“Beale Street”

W. C. Handy (1873-1958)

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

- + **Sandy Moore, Liturgist**
- + **Dick Moore, Usher**
- + **Paula Hatfield, Sunday School**
- + **Marcia Baker and Sue Downes-Borko, Coffee Hour**

~ **This Week:**

- + Pastor Annette will not be in Rangeley on Tuesday this week, but instead will be in Auburn, where she will be attending a daylong workshop sponsored by the Maine Council of Churches on "The Faith Community's Response to the Overdose Crisis." So for this week only, her "walk-in" office hours will be Monday morning, May 20, 9 am till noon.
- + Prayer Shawl Ministry – Monday, 5/20, 2-3:30 pm, Barn
- + Church Council Budget Review Meeting – Monday, 5/20, 3pm, East Room, *open to all*
- + Women's Fellowship – Monday, 5/24, 10am-12pm, Barn.

~ **Next Week:**

- + Deacons' Meeting – Tuesday, 5/28, 4pm, East Room

~Announcements:

- + Rick Baker will hold a Bylaws Update informational session in the East Room following the worship service today.
- + The last day of Sunday School will be June 2, when we will be recognizing the young people who have participated this past year and their teachers. The annual church barbecue will follow the service. Y'all come!
- + It's Scholarship time! Applications are available in the Barn and in the Narthex. The deadline is June 1. If you would like more information, please contact Mary Richards, at 864-2645.
- + 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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Word and Deed

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