

**Rangeley Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday School Recognition and Consecration Sunday**

June 2, 2019

10:00 AM

Meditation:

“There are some things I would be willing to bet maybe even my life on. That life is grace, for instance—the givenness of it, the fathomlessness of it, the endless possibilities of its becoming transparent to something extraordinary beyond itself. That...*vocatus atque non vocatus Deus aderit*, which I take to mean that in the long run, whether you call on him or don't call on him, God will be present with you. That if we really had our eyes open, we would see that all moments are key moments.

--Frederick Buechner

ORDER OF WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Organist, Burton Tidwell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INVOCATION (Unison)

Dear God, we gather this morning in a spirit of celebration and appreciation. We rejoice in the young people in our midst, for their words and laughter and song, and for the

bright joy of their very creation. We give you thanks for those who serve as their teachers and guides. And we dedicate ourselves to working with you to create a world of greater peace, justice, and beauty for these children and for all children everywhere; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Jesus said:

Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.

Jesus said:

Unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Then let us come as children, one and all, to worship God!

*GATHERING HYMN (see insert)

"We Thank You, God, for Teachers"

AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES AND TEACHER
RECOGNITION

(Children depart for Sunday School)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Life swirls around us, O Lord. So many things are happening in our lives, in our country, and in the world that make us fearful. We are so easily overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problems and needs we see around us. Remind us again that you are with us, offering compassion, strength, courage, and hope. Help us to place

our trust in you and enable us to be your partners in ministries of grace, peace, and justice in your world...

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF HOPE AND ASSURANCE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

SERMON

HYMN OF MEDITATION #386 (NCH)

"The Church's One Foundation"

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:

Tom Yoder (Paula Hatfield's brother-in-law undergoing surgery); Frank Morse; Liz Volckening; Kathleen Kelley (Karen Lantz's mother); Victor Somma (Corinne's Sorenson's brother-in-law); 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

"Ballet Class"

Pianist, Anton Khoryukov

*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.

* A Litany of Dedication

Because you give to us the very breath of life,

We give our thanks to you, O Lord, with every breath.

Because you nurtured life with human love;

We bring you all of our relationships for your blessing.

Because you gifted us with time to be.

We bring our moments and our days as gifts to you.

Because you gave us skills to work and create,

We pledge to you the work we do and the money we earn through our skills.

Because you freely offered us redeeming love,

We bring the gift of our love in gratitude to you.

From gift to gift, from grace to grace, our gifts are only gifts of yours returned.

Dear God, may our gifts to you of time, talent, and treasure bless this world that you have made and glorify your name in all the earth. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 you formed the universe in your wisdom and created all things by your power. You set us in families on the earth to live with you in faith and trust. We praise you for your good gifts of bread and cup, and for the table you spread in the world as a sign of your love for all people. 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 through
our offerings of word and deed and presence to be signs of
your wondrous love in the world. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN (see insert) "I Love to Tell the Story"

*BENEDICTION

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

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

- + Zenna Inness, Liturgist**
- + Kathy Brittain and Diane VanAmburg, Ushers**
- + Corinne Sorenson, Sunday School**
- + Linda Caspar, Flowers**
- + Stewardship Committee, Picnic**
- + Les Hoekstra, for the use of his CD collection.**
- + Scott Hatfield, DJ**

~ This Week:

- + Consecration Sunday Picnic today, after church**
- + 1:00 p.m. Ecumenical Baccalaureate Service at St. Luke's Catholic Church**
- + Prayer Shawl Ministry – Monday, 6/3, 2-3:30 pm, Barn**
- + Pastor Annette's "walk-in" hours – Tuesday 6/4, 1-3 pm, in her office**

~ Next Week:

- + Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, 6/10, 3-4pm, East Room**
- + Church Council Meeting – Monday, 6/10, 4pm, East Room**
- + On Monday, June 10 you are invited to attend a potluck supper beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by a PowerPoint presentation of the mission trip to Guatemala that Pastor Annette and her husband David went on this past March. Bring a dish to share and learn why and how Annette and David were building masonry cook-stoves in indigenous villages surrounding Lake Atitlan in the Guatemalan highlands.**
- + Women's Fellowship – Monday, 6/14, 10am-12pm, Barn.**

~Announcements:

- ✦ Today is the last day of Sunday School, but the time for the young at heart will continue to be a part of our weekly worship.
- ✦ Rick Baker will hold a Bylaws Q and A informational session in the East Room following the worship service on July 7.
- ✦ Calling all social media gurus. RCC needs someone to monitor, update and post on our Facebook page. If you are up to the task please contact Rick or email the church "rangeleyucc@gmail.com"
- ✦ 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 June, the Church Secretary will generally be in the office on Mondays, from 11 am – 1 pm, and will be available other times by appointment.



Love

Word and Deed

Presence

Faithfulness

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