

**Rangeley Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ  
An Open and Affirming Church  
*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

June 20, 2021

10:00 AM

***Meditation:***

- Iron Man

*"Heroes are made by the path they choose, not the powers they are graced with."*

- Professor Charles Xavier

*"Just because someone stumbles and loses their path, doesn't mean they can't be saved."*

- Wonder Woman

*"It's about what you believe. And I believe in love. Only love will truly save the world."*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

I Will Be Here

Steven Curtis Chapman (1962- )

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist & Officiant

Officiant: Mighty God, you speak words of peace to calm  
our own troubled seas. Caring God, you nudge

us away from fear towards your light. Ever-present God, fill us with awe!

**Liturgist: You raise many questions in our hearts; there are no easy answers. Open our eyes to see you in our boat ~ today!**

Officiant: Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead. Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak to us.

**Liturgist: This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

INVOCATION (Unison)

Liturgist

**Keeper of our lives, you know the hardness and the gentleness of human hearts. You call us, your faithful people, to faithful living through the storms of life. Teach us to turn to you for all we need, that we may come to know your presence, as we make our ways through our days ahead. Amen.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Tune: ST. ANNE/Words: Isaac Watts (See Insert)

## OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION (Unison)

Liturgist

**Our worst storms are the ones caused by our own fear, when we grow afraid of losing our own power, or when we grow suspicious of the power of others, and when we refuse to acknowledge your mysterious authority within our own lives. We confess, we long for your presence.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE OF LOVE

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

##### **Job 38:1-11**

Liturgist

38:1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

38:2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

38:3 Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

38:4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

38:5 Who determined its measurements--surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

38:6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

3:7 when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

38:8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?--

38:9 when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

38:10 and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

38:11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?

##### **Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

Liturgist

107:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he

redeemed from trouble

107:3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

107:23 Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters;

107:24 they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep.

107:25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

107:26 They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity;

107:27 they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

107:28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress;

107:29 he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

107:30 Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

107:31 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

107:32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

**Mark 4:35-41**

Officiant

4:35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

4:36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

4:37 A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.

4:38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they

woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

4:39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

4:40 He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

4:41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE Our Father, By Whose Name  
Tune: RHOSYMEDRE/Words: F. Bland Tucker (See Insert)

## PRAYERS OF CONCERN

### PRAYER FOR ALL 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:** Erin Smith's parents Carol and Dan Perkins, Russell House and family, Emma Flaum, Susan Tourtillotte's daughter, Katie Joca, Janet House, Becky and Dave Walker, Patrick Egan, Sam Meehan's Mom and her husband Nicole & LeRoy Hileman, Erin Smith, Scott and Janet Wilson and Janet's father John Owens, Dave Walker's brother, Peter Walker, the Dailey's son Rob and our Members in Discernment Becky Walker and Scott Hatfield.

*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. We pray for the people around us this day for those who are upon our hearts and minds because of a need that they have...*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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)

## PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC                      Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Chisholm and Runyon/Arr. Greg Howlett

\*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 THANKSGIVING

## PRAYERS AS WE DEPART

\*CLOSING HYMN                      Put Your Hand In The Hand  
Gene MacLellan

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water.  
Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea.  
Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently  
By putting your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee.

Every time I look into the holy book I wanna tremble.  
When I read about the part where a carpenter cleared the  
temple,  
For the buyers and the sellers were no different fellas than  
what I profess to be.  
And it causes me pain to know I'm not that gal/guy that I  
should be.

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Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea.  
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Wonderful Words of Life

Philip P. Bliss/Arr. Lloyd Larson

*Sing them over again to me  
Wonderful words of life*

*Let me more of their beauty see  
 Wonderful words of life  
 Words of life and beauty  
 teach me faith and duty  
 Beautiful words, wonderful words  
 Wonderful words of life  
 Beautiful words, wonderful words  
 Wonderful words of life*

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**~This Week:**

- ✦ Book Study, June 22<sup>th</sup> 7- 8pm, Zoom
- ✦ Spiritual Direction Group, June 24<sup>th</sup> 4– 6pm, Zoom
- ✦ Women’s Fellowship, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 10-12pm, Barn
- ✦ Rev. Leslie “walk-in” hours, June 21 & June 22, 9:30-1

**~Next Week:**

- ✦ Deacon Meeting, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Zoom
- ✦ Rev. Leslie “walk-in” hours, June 28 & June 29, 9:30-1
- ✦ Book Study, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm, Zoom

***Flowers are in honor of Lucy Simonds on her retirement as a teacher at RLRs.***

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