

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

June 27, 2021

10:00 AM

Meditation:

Lawrence Corbridge

— Revelation has not ceased. The Heavens are not closed.
God speaks today and God will speak to you.

Mother Teresa

— I always begin my prayer in silence, for it is in the silence of the heart that God speaks. God is the friend of silence—we need to listen to God because it's not what we say but what God says to us and through us that matters.

Henry Blackaby

— Why is it that when we talk to God, it's called 'prayer,' but when God speaks to us, it's called 'schizophrenia.'

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

PRELUDE

Sheree Anderson/Arr. C. Lees and D. Brown

God's Mercy

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praises to our Lord:

All : who heals us and makes us whole.

Leader: Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:

All: whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.

Leader: Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God;
give thanks to God's holy name:

All: God's Kingdom is near to us;

God's peace resides in our hearts. Amen.

INVOCATION (responsive)

Liturgist

Leader: Living God, come!
Make our souls the temple of your Spirit.

All: Sanctify us Lord.

Leader: Baptize your holy Church with fire.
Bring all human divisions to a bridge of understanding and care.
May we build up the world with our holy work
to serve as a pillar to support of your truth.

All: Sanctify us Lord.

Leader: Grant each of us the fruits of your Holy Spirit:
brotherly and sisterly love, ...joy, ...peace, ...patience, ...goodness, ...faithfulness.

All: Sanctify us Lord.

Leader: May your Holy Spirit speak through each of us, your servants.
Guide us to preach your word, quietly and tenderly,
when necessary, in all our kindnesses,
and with strength and conviction in all we do, ...
here, in this place and throughout all the world.

All: Sanctify us Lord.

PASTOR'S PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

Tune: TWO OAKS/Words: Marty Haugen

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION (Unison)

Liturgist

**We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit,
but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE OF LOVE

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (responsively)

Liturgist

- 77:1 I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that God may hear me.

- **77:2 In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.**
- 77:11 I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old.
- **77:12 I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.**
- 77:13 Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?
- **77:14 You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.**
- 77:15 With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
- **77:16 When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.**
- 77:17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.
- **77:18 The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**
- 77:19 Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen.
- **77:20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Liturgist

- 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.
- **5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.**
- 5:14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
- **5:15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.**
- 5:16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.
- **5:17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.**
- 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.
- **5:19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious...**

- 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions,
- **5:21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**
- 5:22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
- **5:23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.**
- 5:24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- **5:25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.**

Luke 9:51-62

Officiant

- 9:51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.
- 9:52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him;
- 9:53 but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.
- 9:54 When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"
- 9:55 But he turned and rebuked them.
- 9:56 Then they went on to another village.
- 9:57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."
- 9:58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."
- 9:59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."
- 9:60 But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."
- 9:61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home."
- 9:62 Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

Tune: KENTRIDGE/Words: Fred Pratt Green

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 *(please pray the words you use when in silent prayer)*

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 (debts, sins, trespasses) as we forgive those who (sin, trespass) 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 (and ever). Amen.

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PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

*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

De Colores (Sing of Colors)

Mexican Folk Song, Arr. Alfredo Morales

CLOSING PRAYER

Liturgist and Officiant

Wait for the LORD,

I wait with deep longing;

and in his word I stand, waiting in hope.

Hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with the LORD is great power to save.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Sunshine On My Shoulders

John Denver, M. Taylor and D. Kniss

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

- ✦ Evelyn Franson, **Liturgist**
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~This Week:

- ✦ Deacon's Meeting, June 28th 6:30pm, Zoom
- ✦ Book Study, June 29th 7- 8pm, Zoom
- ✦ Rev. Leslie "walk-in" hours, June 28 & June 29, 9:30-1

~Next Week:

- ✦ Happy Fourth of July!
- ✦ Rev. Leslie "walk-in" hours, July 5 & July 6, 9:30-1
- ✦ Strawberry Festival, Oquossoc, July 8, 10 – 4
- ✦ Women's Fellowship, July 9, 10-12, Barn

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