

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

July 18, 2021

10:00 AM

Our 1970's-vintage Allen Organ was repaired in late spring after being unplayable for over a year. Today, we celebrate its return to our worship services with two organ/piano duets and one solo. Thank you for helping to make this possible!

Meditation:



ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

PRELUDE

Tune: Will Thompson/Arr. Roger C. Wilson

Softly and Tenderly

CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

Liturgist

Let us praise our mighty God with sounds of the trumpet and horn!

Let us praise our mighty God upon the strings and the pipes!

Let us praise God with the tremolo of worry, with the boldness of courage!

**Call us together to sing your praises!
Guide us to stand by your side with courage and hope!**

INVOCATION (Responsive)

Liturgist

Psalm 150 ~ from Eugene Peterson's *The Message*

All: Hallelujah!

Liturgist: Praise God in God's holy house of worship,
praise God under the open skies;

**All: Praise God for his acts of power,
praise God for his magnificent greatness;**

Liturgist: Praise with a blast on the trumpet,
praise by strumming soft strings;

**All: Praise God with castanets and dance,
praise God with banjo and flute;**

Liturgist: Praise God with cymbals and a big bass drum,
praise God with fiddles and mandolin.

**All: Let every living, breathing creature praise GOD!
(with Exuberance!!!) Hallelujah!**

GATHERING HYMN #17 (NCH)

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

Verses 1,2 & 4

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION (Unison)

Liturgist

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God, trusting in our Partner in Grace. Let us prepare to make our own confession as we pray...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND LOVE

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 40: 3	Liturgist
Job 21: 12	Officiant
2 Chronicles 5:11-14	Liturgist
Ephesians 5: 19	Officiant
Colossians 3:16	Liturgist
Revelation 14: 3	Officiant

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION

The Lord is My Song

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SERMON

Special Music

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
George Elvey/Arr. Joel Raney

***Please sing the final verse with the following lyrics:

Come ye thankful one and all
Hear the organ's joyful call
Long it sat in dis-re-pair
Now sweet music fills the air.

With transistors, diodes new
Voltage regulators too,
Keys and pedals now working
Help us in our worshipping

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Liturgist

*(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, 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.

CHORAL HYMN #812 (NCH)

Threefold Amen

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessing 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 #547 (NCH)

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES "O God Our Help In Ages Past"
Tune: ST. ANNE/Arr. Victor Johnson

~Special Thanks to all who contributed their time, talents and gifts for today's service:

- ✦ Cyndy Egan, **Liturgist**
- ✦ Dave Walker, **Powerpoint & AV Zoomigo**
- ✦ Derek and Linda Wendelken for penning the fun, timely words for Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
- ✦ Rev. Leslie Chatfield for sharing her keyboard talents with us.

~This Week:

- ✦ Rev. Leslie “walk-in” hours, July 19 & July 20, 9:30-1
- ✦ Rangeley Ringers Rehearsal, July 19, 8-9:30 am, Sanctuary
- ✦ Women’s Fellowship/Prayer Shawl, July 23, 10-12, Barn

~Next Week:

- ✦ Rangeley Ringers Rehearsal, July 26, 8-9:30 am, Sanctuary
- ✦ Deacon Meeting, July 26, 6:30, Zoom
- ✦ Spiritual Direction Group, July 29, 7-9, Zoom

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