



Rangeley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Mother's Day

May 12, 2023

10:00 AM

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

COMING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INVOCATION

Rev. Tony

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist & All

Leader: The word belongs to God.

All: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good and how lovely it is.

All: To live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together.

All: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If the Lord's disciples keep silent,
All: These stones would shout aloud.
Leader: God, open our lips
All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*GATHERING HYMN: #35 (PH)

"When Morning Gilds The Skies"

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison) Liturgist & All
Gracious and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone, know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us we pray, and free us from our sins. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) Liturgist & All
Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, ad Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without
end, Amen, Amen.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 73

Liturgist

SERMON: When Life Is Unfair

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #322 (PH)

*“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”
Verses 1, 3, 4 & 5”*

SERVICE OF PRAYER

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: *Linda Caspar and her family, on the passing of her
husband Kit, Marlene Knowles on the passing of her husband
Donald, Carol and David Bachelder, Father Thom and his husband
Jim, Priscilla St. Louis, Linda Caspar’s sister Marilyn Dixon,
Wes McCray, Forrest Stephens, Kris Nozal, Michael Hulse, Jeff &
Carol Ellinwood, Bobby & Leeanna Wilbur, Tim & Sarah Johnson,
Erin Smith’s parents Carol & Dan Perkins, Patrick Egan, and we
pray for all those who guide and lead us in worship.*

OUR LORD'S 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 AMEN: #812 (NCH)

"Threefold Amen"

SERVICE OF GIVING

INVITATION

Rev. Tony

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

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:

*COMMISSION

Liturgist

Let us go from this place in peace, and if the walk is long,
Praise God who walks it with us.

If the wind is cold,
Praise God whose touch gives warmth.
If life is hard,
Praise God for whose embrace is love.

*CLOSING HYMN: #494 (PH)

"We Would Be Building"

BENEDICTION

Rev. Tony

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

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

- Rev. Tony MacNaughton, **Leading Worship Service**
- Rick Baker, **Liturgist**
- Joann Bean, **Deacon of the Week**
- Sarah & Tim Johnson, **Coffee Hour**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**

~This Week:

- Piano Lessons with Erin, May 13, 14, 15 & 17
Sanctuary, 3-5pm, May 16, East Room
- Finance Committee Meeting, May 13, 2:45pm, East Room & Zoom
- Council Meeting, May 13, 4:00pm, East Room & Zoom

~Next Week:

- Rev. Stan Wheeler, Leading Communion Worship Service, May 19
- Deacons' Meeting, May 20, 3pm, Zoom & East Room
- Piano Lessons with Erin, May. 20, 21, 22, 24, Sanctuary, 3-5pm, May 23, East Room
- Women's Fellowship, May. 24, 10-12, Barn & East Room

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