



Rangeley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

10:00 AM

Meditation:

"I have learned not to allow rejection to move me."

-Cicley Tyson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *"Fanfare on "National Hymn"*

George W. Warren/Arr. Hugh Livingston

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader & People

Leader: The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,
even when it was unwelcome.

Who will hear their message?

People: **We will listen and we will hear!**

Leader: Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled, preaching and teaching all who would listen. Who will hear his message?

People: **We will listen and we will hear!**

Leader: Christ sent out disciples two by two, to spread the good news in any place that would welcome them. Who will hear their message?

People: **We will listen and we will hear!**

Leader: God's prophets are among us still, around the world and in these pews. Who will hear their message?

People: **We will listen and we will hear!**

INVOCATION

*GATHERING HYMN #93 (PH)

"Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Holy One of Nazareth, we see you calm storms, heal illness, even restore life,

People: **Yet we still struggle to trust you.**

Leader: You send us out,

People: **But we want to stay home.**

Leader: You provide partners for the journey,

People: **But we want to go it alone.**

Leader: You give us authority over evil,

People: **But we don't know how to use it.**

Leader: You say we need only the clothes on our back
and a staff in our hand,

**People: But we pile the car full of food, clothes, tools
and toys.**

Leader: You tell us to accept hospitality,

People: But we don't like to put people out.

Leader: You say that if people are unkind, we should
simply shake the dust off our feet,

**People: But we would rather get mad and post about
it on Facebook.**

Leader: We have much to learn from you, Jesus, about
traveling gracefully through this life.

**People: Forgive our failings and grant us a deeper
trust.**

Silent reflection on these words

WORDS OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Mark 6:1-13

SERMON Homefield Disadvantage

*HYMN OF RESPONSE (Insert)

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky "

Dan Schutte "

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.")

Diane VanAmburg, Mary Dubay, Bill & Mary Richards, Elizabeth Knowles, (Marlene's Mother-in-Law) on the passing of her son Donald & her daughter only 6 weeks apart. Asking for prayers for Ellis Zapolsky's full recovery & blessings for his family & extended family for all they are going through. Ellis is the two-week-old grandson of Jeff and Val Zapolsky, Carol & David Batchelder, Kelley Brackett, Wes McCray, Forrest Stephens, Kris Nozal, 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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"

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me "*
Traditional Spiritual/Arr. Paul Taylor

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

In the United Church of Christ, we practice an open communion, which means all are welcomed to this table...God's table. You don't have to be a member of this church or any church to partake in the sharing of the bread and drink of the vine.

Invitation

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Your son, Jesus, came teaching with astounding wisdom and bringing freedom and healing at the touch of his hands.

Like the prophets he was not honored in his own town, and was crucified by his own nation, but you raised him from the dead, displaying your perfect power in his weakness. Now he has entrusted us with his mission of casting out evil and proclaiming your steadfast love, from the holy mountain, to the ends of the earth.

The Consecration

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, after supper saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church your servant people, that we may be salt and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

The body of Christ, the living bread.
The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

COMMUNION MUSIC

#280 (PH) Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread
#288 (PH) Let Us Break Bread Together (verse 2)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Jesus Christ sent out his apostles to call us all to repentance.

God has promised that all who turn to Christ for mercy will receive forgiveness for sin, for in our weakness, God's strength is sufficient.

Go now, and wherever people will hear you, proclaim the life-changing love of God.

Do not fear your weakness, for when you are weakest, Christ's strength is known.

Travel lightly, live simply, and honor those who welcome the gospel.

And may God be your protection and safe haven;
May the power of Christ Jesus dwell in you;
and may the Holy Spirit be your guide forever.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #440 (PH)

“O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

“Ashokan Farewell”

Jay Ungar

*Portions adapted from: Laughingbird, Discipleship Ministries,
Christine Longhurst*

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

- Pastor Scott Hatfield, **Leading Worship Service**
- Nancy Zambraski, **Liturgist**
- Joann Bean, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Sarah Johnson, **providing bread for Communion**

~This Week:

- Pastor Scott Hatfield, Leading Worship, July 7
- Finance Committee Meeting, July 8, 2:45pm, East Room & Zoom
- Council Meeting, July 8, 4:00pm, East Room & Zoom
- Strawberry Festival, July 11, 10am-3pm, Oquossoc Park
- Women’s Fellowship meets, July 12, 10am- 12pm, Barn

~Next Week:

- Rev. Jack Zappulla, Leading Worship, July 14.
- Annual Meeting, 11am in the Sanctuary following service.
- Ecumenical Mahjong, July 15, 1- 3pm, Barn

The Adult Respite Care Program (HARC) provides a fun and engaging social day program designed for seniors suffering dementia.

HARC enables caregivers to have a day of rest knowing that their loved ones are well-cared for. Located in the basement of Rangeley Family Medicine.

Please call Jennifer at Health & Wellness, 864-4397.

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