



Rangeley Congregational Church
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An Open and Affirming Church
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2024

10:00 AM

Meditation:

“Properly practiced, knitting soothes the troubled spirit, and it doesn’t hurt the untroubled spirit either.”

- Elizabeth Zimmerman

Prayer Shawl Ministry Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

PRELUDE *“Tapestry” (Weave Us Together)*

Sam Hargreaves

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Almighty and Everlasting God who created us for yourself,

grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose to know your will. In your light may we see life clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom. Amen.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Liturgist & All

Dear Lord, we praise your most holy name for this time of celebration and for all good things, for you are faithful in the tender care of your children. Keep us ever near to you so that we never lose sight of your will. Help us to spread your light to those who cannot see your blessings in their lives, so that all the world might know of your boundless love. Amen

***GATHERING HYMN #62 (NCH)**

“Come, Share the Spirit”

Verses 1 & 3

“Community of Christ”

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD’S FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, The Episcopal Church

Liturgist: Just as each of these shawls are woven together, we trust that the faith of believing in His word weaves into our souls. And when we believe the gospel, we believe because of God's powerful Spirit in our lives. God Almighty has touched us.

People: **And we are enveloped in love.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Liturgist

Psalms 139:13-14
Psalms 34:18
Hebrews 11:3
Ephesians 2:19

Prayer Shawl Ministry Readings

Prayer Shawl Ministry History - *Zenna*
Beginning to Knit Dedication - *Kathy*
Letters of Love, Stories of Healing - *Mary, Susie, Sarah, Claire*
Closing Comments - *Nancy*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #464 (NCH)

"The Weaver's Shuttle Swiftly Flies"

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:** Bill & Mary Richards, Patrick Egan, Forrest Stephens, Kris Nozal, Jeff Ellinwood on the passing of his wife Carol, Bobby & Leeanna Wilbur, Tim & Sarah Johnson, Diane VanAmburg, Erin Smith's parents Carol & Dan Perkins. The people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza whose lives are engulfed in the violence of war; the victims of the more than 9,000-gun violence deaths in the U.S. so far this year and we pray for all those who guide and lead us in worship.*

***THE BLESSING OF THE SHAWLS (Unison)**

May God's grace be upon this shawl, warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.

May this shawl be a safe haven; a sacred place of security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed be!

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 TO GIVE

OFFERTORY MUSIC *“My Peace I Give You”*
Barbara J. Heastings

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: **(Unison)**

**God of plenty,
Bless these gifts, and the ones who gave.
May our circle of giving and receiving draw us close
with each one’s gift cherished, and each one’s needs met.
Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN #393 (NCH)
“Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
Tune: SHOWALTER/Arr. Mark Hayes

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

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, **Leading Worship Service**
- Paula Hatfield, **Liturgist**
- Joann Bean, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Sarah & Tim Johnson, **Coffee Hour**

~This Week:

- Prayer Shawl Ministry leads our service, Aug 11
- Handbell Rehearsal, Aug 12, 8-9:30am, Sanctuary
- Finance Meeting, Aug 12, 3:15pm, East Room & Zoom
- Council Meeting, Aug 12, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, Aug 14, 10-11:00am, Barn
- Mission Committee Meets, Aug 14, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Blueberry Festival, Aug 15, Rangeley Town Park, 10am – 3pm



~Next Week:

- Rev. Stan Wheeler provides Worship, Aug 18
- Handbell Rehearsal, Aug 19, 8-9:30am, Sanctuary
- Ecumenical Mahjong, Aug 19, 1-4pm, Barn
- Deacons' Meeting, Aug 19, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, Aug 21, 10-11:00am, Barn
- Women's Fellowship meets, Aug 23, 10-12pm, Barn

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