



Rangeley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE “ *With a Heart of Thanksgiving*”

Inspired by OLD 100th/Arr. Howard Helvey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

*GATHERING HYMN #21 (PH)

“We Gather Together”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

...time for silent confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6: 22-34

Liturgist

SERMON "Is Giving Thanks Just A Calendar Affair?"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #29 (PH)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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: *Michael Hulse, Lucy Simonds Nephew, Linda Caspars' brother-in-law, Conrad Guerra, Patrick Egan, Bill & Mary Richards, Gerry Adams & Diane Schnellhammer, Wendy Darienzzo, Kris Nozal, Bobby & Leeanna Wilbur, Tim & Sarah Johnson, Erin Smith's parents, Carol & Dan Perkins. The people of Ukraine, Israel & 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.*

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"

SERVICE OF GIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *"Abide With Me"*

Tune: EVENTIDE/Arr. Helvey

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:

*CLOSING HYMN #462 (PH)

"Come Ye Thankful People Come"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

"Meditation from Thais"

Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

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

- Rev. Tony MacNaughton, **Leading Worship Service**
- Zenna Inness, **Liturgist**
- Nancy Zambraski, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Sarah & Tim Johnson, **Coffee Hour**

~This Week:

- Rev. Tony MacNaughton, Leading Worship, Nov 10
- Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal resumes, Nov 11, 8-9:30am
- Finance Meeting, Nov 11, 3:15pm, East Room & Zoom
- Piano/Voice lessons, Nov 12, 13 & 15, 3-5pm, Sanctuary
- Council Meeting, Nov 11, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, Nov 13, 11am, Barn
- Women's Fellowship meets, Nov 15, 10-12am, Barn

~Next Week:

- Rev. Stan Wheeler, Leading Worship, Nov 17
- Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal, Nov 18, 8-9:30am
- Ecumenical Mahjong, Nov 18, 1-3, Barn
- Deacons' Meeting, Nov 18, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Piano/Voice lessons, Nov 19, 20 & 22, 3-5pm, Sanctuary

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Thanksgiving Proclamation

It is the duty of nations as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.

We know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subject to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins; to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been reserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation have ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizen in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.