



Rangeley Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Rangeley, Maine

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*An Open and Affirming Church*  
**Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

November 17, 2024

10:00 AM

***Meditation:***

*“(I pray) not because God is good and I am good so I get what I ask for, but because God was, is and will be, meaning that God is already present in the future I am fearing...”*

-Nadia Bolz-Weber

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

Tune: FAITHFULNESS/Arr. Greg Howlett

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liturgist**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What brings us together in this place?

People: **We are here to worship Christ, who loves us,  
who freed us from our sins by his blood and**

**who made us a kingdom, priests serving his  
God and Father.**

**Leader:** To him be glory and dominion forever and  
ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**All:** **Let's prepare our hearts and minds to  
worship Jesus Christ, our king.**

#### **INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our  
minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the  
humility we need to hear and receive the message you  
intend for us today. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #408 (NCH)**

*"All My Hope on God is Founded"*

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We  
embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work  
of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a  
new world because our present reality feels good enough.  
Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to  
live and work towards a world made just and equitable  
and new. Amen.**

*...time for silent confession*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Matthew 9:2)

“When Jesus saw their faith, he said...“Take heart...your sins are forgiven.” Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 12:1-3

Liturgist

Mark 13:1-8

SERMON As Much As You Can, Choose Love

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #438 (NCH)

*“When Peace Like a River”*

## 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 Darienzo, 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 (2 Corinthians 9:11)

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God." Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

### OFFERTORY MUSIC *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR/Arr. Thygerson

### 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)**

**O God, maker and provider of all, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN (Insert)**

*“The Peace of the Earth”*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

*“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”*

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH/Arr. Lloyd Larson

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

- Rev. Stan Wheeler, **Leading Worship Service**
- Linda Caspar, **Liturgist**
- Joann Bean, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Sarah & Tim Johnson, **Coffee Hour**

**~This Week:**

- 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
- **HOLLY FAIR, Saturday, Nov 23, 10am-2pm, Barn**

**~Next Week:**

- Pastor Scott Hatfield, Leading Worship, Nov 24
- Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal, Nov 25, 8-9:30am
- Piano/Voice lessons, Nov 26, 27 & 29, 3-5pm, Sanctuary
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, Nov 27, 11am, Barn

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