



Rangeley Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Rangeley, Maine

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*An Open and Affirming Church*  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**

November 24, 2024

10:00 AM

***Meditation:***

*“The whole point of the kingdom of God is Jesus has come to bear witness to the true truth, which is nonviolent. When God wants to take charge of the world, he doesn’t send in the tanks. He sends in the poor and the meek”*

-Bishop N. T. Wright

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”*

Finnish Folk Melody/Arr. Paul Taylor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liturgist**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, whom do you follow?

**People: We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.**

Leader: Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?

**People:** Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion, and peace.

**Leader:** Children of God, how will you live in the reign of Christ?

**People:** We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.

**Leader:** Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

**People:** Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*GATHERING HYMN #86 (NCH)

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

**People:** Hosanna! Blessed is who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!

**Leader:** Why is the King riding a donkey?

**People:** Hosanna! Blessed is he who strong and mighty, even the king of Israel.

**Leader:** Why is the king being beaten?

**People:** Hosanna! Blessed is he who conquers in battle, even the king of Israel!

**Leader:** Where is his army? Why is this king alone?

**People:** Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!

**Leader:** Why is this king hanging on a cross?

**People:** O God, forgive us when we get so caught up in our own expectations of who we want

**your Son to be that we miss the truth of who  
you are.**

*Silent reflection on these words*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

**Liturgist**

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SERMON    A Different Kind of King

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #575 (NCH)

*“O For a World”*

## 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. We pray for the victims of gun violence in the U.S. and for all those whose lives

*are impacted by conflict, violence, and war around the world and here at home.*

## 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 *"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"*

Johann Steurlein/Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

### 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 #21 (PH)

*"We Gather Together"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

*"Hymn of Grateful Prais"*

Tune: DUX/Arr. Paul Taylor

*Portions adapted from: Discipleship Ministries, Worship Ways*

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

- Pastor Scott Hatfield, **Leading Worship Service**
- Millie Hoekstra, **Liturgist**
- Zenna Inness, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Sarah & Tim Johnson, **Coffee Hour**

**~This Week:**

- 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

**~Next Week:**

- Pastor Scott Hatfield, Leading Worship, Dec 1
- Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal, Dec 2, 8-9:30am
- Piano/Voice lessons, Dec 3, 4, & 6, 3-5pm, Sanctuary
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, Dec 4, 11am, Barn

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