



Rangeley Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Rangeley, Maine

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*An Open and Affirming Church*  
**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

January 19, 2025

10:00 AM

***Meditation:***

*"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."*

~ C.S. Lewis

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

Tune: ST. ANNE/Arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liturgist**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader & **All**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
May all people take refuge in the shadow of  
your wings.

**People:** We feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give us drink from the river of your  
delights.

**Leader:** For with you is the fountain of life;

**People:** in your light we see light.

**INVOCATION (Unison)**

Gracious and all loving God, you call to us across deep waters and dark places. Yours is the light which guides us and the voice which we follow. We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you. May those without hope be encouraged; those who are sad, cheered; those who are seeking, find you; and may all things be according to your will. In the name of your beloved Son we pray. Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN #25 (NCH)**

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Rev. Wheeler**

Let us humbly approach God’s throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)**

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Our God is a loving God, full of love mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service. Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

**Liturgist**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**Liturgist**

John 2:1-11

SERMON     They Have No Wine

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"We Are One in the Spirit"*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

### Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Chorus

We will work with each other, we will work side-by-side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side-by-side.

And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

Chorus

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

Chorus

## 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:** *Rev. Tony MacNaughton and the MacNaughton family on the passing of Jane, Heidi Ross, Lucy Simonds' nephew, Michael Hulse; Linda Caspar's brother-in-law, Conrad Guerra and nephew, William Lane; the Hatfield family & Paula's parents; Georgie Gimbel, The Wetherill family, on the passing of Ben; Erin Smith's parents, Carol & Dan Perkins; Bill & Mary Richards, Gerry Adams & Diane Schnellhammer, Bobby & Leeanna Wilbur, Tim & Sarah Johnson, Kris Nozal, and Patrick Egan. We pray for the victims of gun violence in the US 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

### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance.  
Grateful for all we have been given, let us present our tithes  
and offerings to the Lord.

### OFFERTORY MUSIC *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

Traditional Spiritual/Arr. Gregg Sewell

### 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)

**Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too  
know God's extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we**

**give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #294 (NCH)

*"There's a Spirit in the Air"*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

*"Allegro, from Sinfonia #12"*

Antonio Vivaldi/Arr. L. Smith

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

- Rev. Stan Wheeler, **Leading Worship Service**
- Sarah Johnson, **Liturgist**
- Joann Bean, **Deacon of the Week**
- Claire Chase, **Zoomigo**
- Tim Johnson, **Coffee Hour** and for the unwavering help of Kathy & Zenna whenever they are present.

**~This Week:**

- Ecumenical Mahjong, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm, Barn
- Deacons' Meeting, Jan 20, 4:00pm, E. Room & Zoom
- Piano/Voice Lessons w/ Erin, Jan 21, 22 & 24,
- Moms & Babies Social, Jan 22, 11am, Barn
- Winter Women's Social, Jan 24, 10-12pm, Barn

**~Next Week:**

- Our Worship Service will be a Hymn Sing, SIPS & SONGS, Jan 26 in the Barn
- Moms & Babies Social, Jan 29, 11am, Barn
- Piano/Voice Lessons w/ Erin, Jan 28, 29 & 31.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Next Sunday we will be having “Sips and Songs” in the Barn instead of traditional worship.

Please think of any hymns or other songs you would like to sing and let me know as soon as possible.

There is a signup sheet in The Barn for what you might like to bring to our enhanced coffee hour.

Thank you,

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