



Rangeley Congregational Church
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An Open and Affirming Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Just as I Am"

William B. Bradbury/Arr. Victor C. Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader & People

Leader: God, you have searched us and know us.

People: **You know when we sit down. You know
when we rise up.**

Leader: You discern our thoughts from far away.

People: **Where can we go from your spirit? Where can
we flee from you?**

Leader: Wherever we go, you are there – in the highest
heaven, in the deepest of places, everywhere in
between.

People: **You are with us. We are never alone.**

INVOCATION

*GATHERING HYMN #437 (PH) *“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, You call to each of us by name. You know us better than we know ourselves, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. You love us, not because of what we have done, but often in spite of what we have done. Still, when we hear you call, we do not answer. We ignore you or we run away and cower in shadows. We don't always view your presence among us as a blessing, but rather as a burden that we wish away out of fear and shame. Though you know us and love us completely, we often see ourselves as unknowable, unlovable, and utterly incomplete. Lord, in midst of all of our mess, redeem us. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Help us to start fresh that we might follow Jesus with our whole selves and, like Christ, love you, our neighbors, and ourselves with everything we have.

Silent reflection on these words

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison) 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the sound of love poured out: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of Christ I declare that your story is known, your

sin is forgiven, your life is made new. Let us live as those reborn. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Acts 27:21-44

Liturgist

SERMON Surviving the storms of stress

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #485 (PH)**

"This Is My Father's 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: Marlene Knowles on the passing of her father, Diane Schnellhammer on the recent passing of Gerry Adams, Susan & Jack Tourtillotte, Barbara Heinzman, Carol & Dan Perkin, Bill & Mary Richards, Kathy & Jim Wilcox, Heidi Ross, Tim & Sarah Johnson, and Georgie Gimbel. We pray for all those whose lives are impacted by natural disasters, gun violence, conflict, 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

"Nearer, My God, To Thee"

Tune: BETHANY/Arr. John Turner

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 #429 (PH). *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"*

*THE BENEDICTION

Rev. Tony MacNaughton

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

"America, the Beautiful"

Tune: MATERN/Arr. Jason W. Krug

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

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

~This Week:

- Handbell Choir, May 26, 8- 9:30am, Sanctuary
- Piano/Voice lessons, May 27, 28 & 30, 3-5pm,
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, May 28, 9am, Barn

~Next Week:

Consecration Sunday Stewardship

- Handbell Choir, May 26, 8- 9:30am, Sanctuary
- Mahjong in the Barn, May 26, 1-3pm, Barn
- Piano/Voice lessons, May 27, 28 & 30, 3-5pm, Sanctuary
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, May 28, 9am, Barn

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