



Rangeley Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Rangeley, Maine

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*An Open and Affirming Church*  
Consecration Sunday

June 1, 2025

10:00 AM

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

William Doane/Arr. Lloyd Larson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Liturgist**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader & People**

**Leader:** Enlivened and inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
we open our hearts to God.

**People:** **We welcome love.**

**Leader:** Enlivened and inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
we open this space for belonging.

**People:** **We welcome invitation.**

**Leader:** Enlivened and inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
We open our minds to mystery.

**People:** **We welcome creativity.**

**Leader:** Enlivened and inspired by the Holy Spirit,

we prepare a table of life and blessing.

**People: We welcome fellowship**

**Leader: Because God welcomes all,**

**People: We are all welcome here.**

### **GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)**

**Loving God, we gather in a spirit of welcome and belonging. We recognize that these are sacred gifts that we both share and receive. May our hospitality be our testimony. Grant us the generosity of spirit to make your love manifest in this broken and beloved world. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN #365 (PH)                      *"Faith of our Fathers"*  
Verses 1, 2 & 3**

### **"IMAGINE TOGETHER"**

**What do you Imagine for Rangeley Congregational Church  
in this coming year?**

**Imagine Together: What Might Generosity Look Like for  
You?**

The prophet Malachi puts before us a theology of money that says God will bless what is given. The blessing is on the giver and on what is given.

**#404 (PH)    *"Take My Life"*  
verses 1, 2, 3**

**#459 (NCH)    *"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"***

**Imagine Together: A World Made Whole**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and shouting. (Isaiah 35: 1-2)

#16 (PH) *"Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven"*

#292 (NCH) *"Breathe on me Breath of God"*  
verses 1, 2

### **Imagine Together: A Rested Church/Community**

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11: 28-30

#260 (PH) *"The Church's One Foundation"*

#290 (NCH) *"Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart"*  
verses 1, 4, 5

### **Imagine Together: Vitality**

Curiosity led Nicodemus from darkness to light, from ignorance to understanding, from stagnation to vitality. If we want to not only imagine but experience vitality, all we need to do is steward our natural God-given curiosity.

#353 (PH) *"Lord, I want to be a Christian"*  
Verses 1, 2, 3

#451 (NCH) *"Be Now my Vision"*

## 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 Perkins, 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.*

### 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

**Time for Gratitude & Generosity**

**God's love is not just for one but for many. Together, we create space so that love might flourish. Together, we ensure that none are left lonely or lost. Together, we prepare a table not for us but for all. Together, we recognize that this work requires commitment and generosity. Building a community of belonging requires resources and investment. Facing the future where we will remember faithful generosity, we, too, give and receive. TOGETHER, we at Rangeley Congregational Church move forward to spread God's Love in our community and beyond.**

#### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

#293 (NCH)

*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"*

During the singing, please bring your commitment cards and offerings forward and place them in the plates. May we do this with joy and thankfulness in our hearts

#### **POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Traditional American Melody/Arr. Mark Hayes

Let us continue our praise and thanksgiving as we move to the barn to share a meal TOGETHER

Some of the Liturgy adapted from the UCC Stewardship materials.

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

- Stewardship Team: Cyndy Egan & Millie Hoekstra, **Leading Worship Service**
- Cyndy Egan, **Liturgist**
- Linda Caspar **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**

**~This Week:**

- Handbell Choir, June 2, 8- 9:30am, Sanctuary
- Mahjong in the Barn, June 2, 1-3pm, Barn
- Piano/Voice lessons, June 3, 4 & 6, 3-5pm,
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, June 4, 9am, Barn
- Rangeley Responds Group, June 4, 6:30pm, Barn

**~Next Week:**

- Handbell Choir, June 9, 8- 9:30am, Sanctuary
- Finance Meeting, June 9, 3:15pm, E. Room & Zoom
- Council Meeting, June 9, 4:00pm, E. Room & Zoom
- Piano/Voice lessons, June 10, 11 & 13, 3-5pm,
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, June 11, 9am, Barn
- Women's Fellowship meets, June 13, 10-12pm, Barn

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