



Rangeley Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Rangeley, Maine

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

January 14, 2024

10:00 AM

***Meditation:***

*“Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life-bringing peace, abolishing strife.”*

— Kahlil Gibran

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *“Largo, from “Winter”*

Antonio Vivaldi/Arr. K. Allred

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liturgist**

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader & People**

(From various Psalms)

O magnify the Lord with me:

Let us exalt His name forever:

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
Let the whole earth tremble before Him.**

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;  
Break into singing and make music.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have my being.**

**ALL:**

**Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
Make music to His name, for it is lovely.**

**\*MUSIC OF GATHERING**

#38 (PH) *"Morning Has Broken"*

(Insert) *"Rise and Shine and Give God the Glory"*

#15 (PH) *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**ALL**

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and soul  
and mind and strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy,  
forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

Time for silent contemplation...

## WORDS OF HOPE AND ASSURANCE

### MUSIC OF CENTERING

#581 (NCH) *"Lead Us From Death to Life"*

(Insert) *"Kumbaya"*

(Insert) *"I the Lord of Sea and Sky"* (Here I Am, Lord)

#404 (PH) *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### SCRIPTURE

1 Chronicles 15, selected verses

Colossians 3: 12-17

### MUSIC OF STRENGTH

#363 (PH) *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

(Insert) *"He's Got the World in His Hands"*

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

#366 (PH) *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

## 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:** *Donald Knowles, Susan Tourtillotte's brother-in-law, Earle Tourtillotte, The Gacki family on the passing of Rich Gacki, Forrest Stephens, Kit Caspar, Kris Nozal, Anne Crump, Jeff & Carol Ellinwood, Bobby & Leeanna Wilbur, Tim & Sarah Johnson, Erin Smith's parents Carol & Dan Perkins, Patrick Egan, ad Pastor Scott Hatfield.*

## 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.**

## SERVICE OF GIVING

### INVITATION TO OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC "*Reminiscent Joy*"  
The O'Neill Brothers

### 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.

**Music. That thing which engages us, inspires us, connects us, empowers us, soothes us, and fills our spirits to the very brim, music lies within us and surrounds us in our everyday culture. The songs of the earth echo in our souls—we carry them in our hearts. In this way, music becomes a part of us. It’s a form of expression, a language that knows no bounds. When words fail, music speaks. We cannot keep silent. So, we sing. We sing about faith and love and experiences. We sing about spring and the change in seasons. We sing about singing. How can we not?**

#### MUSIC TO SEND US OUT INTO THE WORLD

#593 (NCH) *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

#99 (NCH) *“Abide With Me”*, Verses 1, 3 & 4

(Insert) *“Dona Nobis Pacem”*

#524 (NCH) *“This Little Light of Mine”*

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

And now may the songs of angels sustain you,  
 May the praises of the saints inspire you,  
 May the silent music of the Unseen be in your heart,  
 And the blessing of God be among always.  
 Go in Peace.

#### POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

*“Simple Gifts”*

Traditional Folk/Arr. Anna Laura Page

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

- Hymn Sing with Sue, **Worship Service**
- Janice Bredeau, **Liturgist**
- Zenna Inness, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Tim & Sarah Johnson, **Coffee Hour**

~This Week:

- Piano Lessons with Erin, Jan 15, 16, 17, 19, Sanctuary  
Jan 18<sup>th</sup> in East Room
- Deacons' Meeting, Jan 15, 3:00pm, Zoom & East Rm

~Next Week:

- Stan Wheeler, **Leading Worship Service**
- Piano Lessons with Erin, Jan 22, 23, 24, 26, Sanctuary  
Jan 25, in East Room
- Women's Winter Social, Jan 26, 10-12pm, Barn

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