



Rangeley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

PRELUDE *Flourish on "Lobe den Herren"*
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner"

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive reading) Leader & **Liturgist**

Leader: God, you have searched us and known 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.

*GATHERING HYMN #365 (PH)

"Faith of Our Fathers" (Verses 1, 3, 4)

CONFESSION OF SIN (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 CONFESSION

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 the 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

Isaiah 41:8-13

Liturgist

SERMON "Tending A Wounded Heart"

*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: Donald Knowles, Priscilla St. Louis, Kit & Linda Caspar, Susan Tourtillotte's brother-in-law, Earle Tourtillotte, Forrest Stephens, Kris Nozal, Jeff & Carol Ellinwood, Bobby & Leeanna Wilbur, Tim & Sarah Johnson, Anne Crump, Erin Smith's parents Carol & Dan Perkins, Patrick Egan, and 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.**

CHORAL AMEN #812 (NCH)
“Threefold Amen”

SERVICE OF GIVING

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*
Arr. Sandra Eithun

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 #227 (PH)
“Fairest Lord Jesus”

BENEDICTION Rev. Tony MacNaughton

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

“Trumpet Tune”

Robert Lau

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

- Rev. Tony MacNaughton, **Leading Worship Service**

- Sarah Johnson, **Liturgist**
- Linda Caspar, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Sarah & Tim Johnson, **Coffee Hour**
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~This Week:

- Finance Meeting, Feb 12, 2:45pm, East Room & Zoom
- Council Meeting, Feb 12, 4:00pm, East Room & Zoom
- Piano Lessons with Erin, Feb 12, 13, 14, & 16, Sanctuary
Piano Lesson w/ Erin, Feb 15, East Room

~Next Week:

- Stan Wheeler, Leading Worship Service, Feb 18
- Deacon Meeting, Feb 19, 3:00pm, East Room & Zoom
- Winter Women's Social, Feb23, 10-12pm, Barn

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