

# Rangeley Congregational Church United Church of Christ Rangeley, Maine

# Rangeley Congregational Church United Church of Christ An Open and Affirming Church Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

10:00 AM

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

# **OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

PRELUDE "Wondrous Love"
WONDROUS LOVE/Arr. Larry Shackley

INVOCATION

Rev. Tony

CALL TO WORSHIP John 12:46 **Liturgist** I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.

\*GATHERING HYMN #386 (NCH) 3 Verses
"The Church's One Foundation"

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciple creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess we hold back the force of your spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God.

# Silent Confession

# WORDS OF HOPE AND ASSURANCE

Liturgist

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end, Amen, Amen!

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

God, source of all light, by your Word you gave light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the thing that

pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:1-40

Liturgist

SERMON Reach Out For Happiness

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #522 (NCH) Verses 1, 2 & 4

"I Love to Tell the Story"

#### 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, Forrest Stephens, Kris Nozal, Anne Crump, Jeff & Carol Ellinwood, Bobby & Leeanna Wilbur, Tim & Sarah Johnson, Erin Smith's parents Carol & Dan Perkins, Patrick Egan, and we pray for all those who guide and lead us in worship.

# **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

**OFFERTORY** 

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Lead Me to Calvary"

DUNCANNON/Arr. Shackley

#### 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

Rev. Tony

HYMN "This Light of Mine"

This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Oh, this little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Ev'ry where I go
I'm going to let it shine
Oh, ev'ry where I go
I;m going to let it shine
Ev'ry where I go
I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

# \*COMMISSION

# Leader, Liturgist & All

Leader: Go out into the World in peace; have courage,

hold on to what is good; return no one evil for

evil; help the suffering, honor all.

People: We will with God's help.

Leader: And the blessing God's Almighty, the Son and

the holy Spirit,

All: be upon us and remain with us forever. Amen

CLOSING HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (Lyrics can be found inside back cover of hymnal or on laminated sheet in pew)

### **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Tony

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES (Please be seated during the Postlude)

" Solfeggietto " Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

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

# Rev. Tony, Leading Worship Service

- Lucy Simonds, Liturgist
- Joann Bean, Deacon of the Week
- Claire Chase, **Zoomigo**
- Tim Johnson, Coffee Hour

#### ~This Week:

- Finance Meeting, Mar 11, 2:45pm, East Rm & Zoom
- Council Meeting, Mar 11, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Piano Lessons w/ Erin, Mar 11, 12, 13 & 15 Sanctuary, Mar 14, 3-5pm, East Room

#### ~Next Week:

- Stan Wheeler, Leading Worship, Mar. 17, 10am, Sanctuary
- Deacons Meeting, Mar 18, 3:00pm, East Room & Zoom
- Piano Lessons w/ Erin, Mar 18, 19, 20 & 22 Sanctuary, Mar 21, 3-5pm, East Room
- Women's Winter Social, Mar 22, 10-12pm, Barn

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