



Rangeley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

Tunes: DIADEM, MILES LANE,
CORONATION/Arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

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) Verses 1, 2, 3

"The Church's One Foundation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples 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, 3, 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, Linda Caspar's sister Marilyn Dixon, Wes McCray, 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 236 (NCH)

"Halleluja" sung 2x

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC *"Thine Is the Glory"*

Tune: JUDAS MACCABAEUS/Arr. Michael Larkin

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

#343 (NCH) *"Jesus Took the Bread, verses 3 & 4*

#330 (NCH) *"Let Us Break Bread Together "*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Tony

CLOSING HYMN #524 (NCH)

"This Little Light of Mine"

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...
2. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
3. This little light of mine, I'm gonna 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 holy Spirit,

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

SENDING MUSIC

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

(Lyrics can be found inside the back cover of hymnal or on laminated sheet in pew)

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Ludwig van Beethoven/Arr. Howard Helvey

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

- Rev. Tony MacNaughton, **Leading Worship Service**
- Janice Bredeau, **Liturgist**
- Lucy Simonds, **Deacon of the Week**
- Claire Chase, **Zoomigo**
- Sarah & Tim Johnson, **providing bread for Communion & Coffee Hour**

~This Week:

- Piano Lessons with Erin, Apr 8, 9, 10 & 12 Sanctuary, Apr 11, E. Room, 3-5pm
- Women's Winter Social, Apr 12, 10a-12p, Barn

~Next Week:

- Rev. Stan Wheeler, Leading Worship, April 14
- Deacons' Meeting, Apr 15, 3ppm, East Room & Zoom
- Piano Lessons with Erin, Apr 15, 16, 17 & 19, Sanctuary, Apr 18, E. Room, 3-5pm

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