



Rangeley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Third Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday

May 4, 2025

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Rejoice and Sing"

Hymn Medley/Arr Eugene Butler

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

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

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.

INVOCATION

*GATHERING HYMN #485 (PH) *"This Is My Father's World"*

CALL TO CONFESSION (Unison)

Liturgist

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 reflection on these words

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Unison)

2 Corinthian 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1-3

Liturgist

SERMON “The Sky’s the Limit”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #418 (PH)

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

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: The family & friends of Meredith Loudon on her recent passing, the Hatfield family on the recent passing of Paula’s father, Paul Behrman, Dave Walker’s nephew, Jameson Walker; Linda Caspar’s brother-in-law, Conrad Guerra and nephew, William Lane. We pray for Ray Franson, Carol & Dan Perkin, Bill & Mary Richards, Gerry Adams & Diane Schnellhammer, 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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"

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Take My Life"

Scott Underwood/Arr. Marc Jordan

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

Invitation

Communion Liturgy

The Consecration

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

COMMUNION MUSIC #288 (PH)

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

(verse 1 as the bread is served, verse 2 as the cup is served)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*CLOSING HYMN #267 (PH)

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

"Vivace from Flute Sonata 5"

George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

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

- Rev. Tony MacNaughton, **Leading Worship Service**
- Kathy Brittain, **Liturgist**
- Nancy Zambraski, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Sarah Johnson, **providing bread for Communion**
- Sarah & Tim Johnson, **Coffee Hour**



Mother's Day Potluck Brunch
May 11th from 10-12 in the Barn
Bring a passing dish to share

~This Week:

- Handbell Choir, May 5, 12, 19 & 26 8- 9:30am,
- Mahjong in the Barn, May 5, 1-3pm, Barn
- Piano/Voice lessons, May 6, 7 & 9, 3-5pm, Sanctuary
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, May 7, 9am, Barn
- Women's Fellowship starts, May 9, 10-12pm, Barn

~Next Week:

- Mother's Day Pot Luck (no worship service), May 11
- Handbell Choir, May 12, 8- 9:30am, Sanctuary
- Finance Meeting, May 12, 3:15pm, East Rm & Zoom
- Council Meeting, May 12, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Piano/Voice lessons, May 13, 14 & 16, 3-5pm,
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, May 14, 9am, Barn

The Adult Respite Care Program (HARC) provides a fun and engaging social day program designed for seniors suffering dementia.

HARC enables caregivers to have a day of rest knowing that their loved ones are well-cared for. Located in the basement of

Rangeley Family Medicine.

Call Jennifer at Health & Wellness, 864-4397

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