



Rangeley Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Rangeley, Maine

# **Pentecost Sunday – A Joint Worship Service Between Rangeley Congregational Church and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church**

June 8, 2025

9:30 AM

## **Meditation:**

*Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us,  
and Pentecost is God in us.*

- Robert Baer

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*"See How Great a Flame Aspires"*

Tune: ARFON/Arr. Jason Krug

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liturgist**

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader & People**

**Liturgist:**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they  
were all together in one place.

**People:**

**We join for worship online and on site, in  
real time and sometimes days later, as**

Liturgist: The Holy One sends forth the Spirit.  
**People: Who unites us, connects us, and forms us as a community.**

Liturgist: We were created in spirit and in truth, wonderfully and fearfully, in the image of Holy Love.  
**People: God renews the face of the earth and the cosmos, this faith community, and the church.**

Liturgist: May the glory of those flickering flames endure forever!  
**People: Bless the Holy One, oh my soul. Praise God!**

## INVOCATION

\*GATHERING HYMN #272 (NCH)

*"On Pentecost They Gathered"*

## CALL TO CONFESSION - Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

**People: We look for tongues of fire to dance upon us, God of Pentecost, as we hold the regret of our broken promises. We long to speak simply and clearly so that everyone, everywhere, might understand your love for them, but we waste our words and deeds when we avoid the chance to care for others. We want you to show us the secrets of the kingdom, never noticing they are revealed in the songs of children, the memories of older folks, the dreams of the young all around us.**

Have mercy on us, and pour out your Spirit,  
God of amazing days. When we pull the  
shutters of our souls shut, fling them open  
with the breath of wonder. When we turn out  
all the lights and huddle in the shadows of  
fear, illumine our hearts with the dancing  
flames of the Spirit's joy. When we find it  
impossible to offer up the language of love,  
pour your Word, Jesus Christ, into our lives,  
so that we might fill others.

*Silent reflection on these words*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

**Liturgist**

John 14:8-17, 25-27

SERMON

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #286 (NCH)

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

## 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: Marlene Knowles on the passing of her father and Marlene's daughter in law Shannon Linder, Diane Schnellhammer on the recent passing of Gerry Adams, Susan & Jack Tourtillotte, Granger, Maxie, and AJ Elmes, Barbara Heinzman, Carol & Dan Perkins, Bill & Mary Richards, 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.*

*Your prayers are requested for Christ Church Dark Harbor, Isleboro, North Haven Summer Services; For an end to gun violence; For peace in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel; We pray also for all our troops in active service, especially Joe Mikes, Jonathan Velishka, Arthur Velishka, Sam Gillespie; Joe, Meghan and Thomas Reid. For all those on our Thursday Prayer List, especially: Bill, Matt, Patrick, Lisa, Pete, Tara, Diane, Andrew, Crystal, Steve, Geoffrey, Mory, Ann, Tim, Brenda, Sophie, Caleb, Mark, Thomas, Angelica, Bradshaw, Dagmar & Orlando, Fred, Phyllis, Mark, Tony, Richard, Elizabeth, Dave, Martha, Ginger, Roger, Bruce, Jim, Lisa, Chick.*

## **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 *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*

Tune: MORECAMBE/Arr. Lenny Seidel

## 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

*In the United Church of Christ, we practice an open communion, which means all are welcomed to this table...God's table. You don't have to be a member of this church or any church to partake in the sharing of the bread and drink of the vine.*

## Invitation

Let us lift up our hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,  
for you pour your Spirit upon us,  
arousing us with visions and dreams  
and intoxicating us with an uncontainable fervor  
to proclaim your truth in the language of praise.

You sent forth your Spirit to create the universe,  
and fill it with your wonders.

You breathed into us and we rose from the dust,  
the face of the earth came alive.

In these last days your child, Jesus Christ,  
came speaking your words and doing your works;  
revealing the truth of who you are.

He was crucified,  
but you raised him to glory by your life-giving power.  
Having secured our adoption as your children  
and commissioned us to continue his works,  
he poured out your Holy Spirit on us,  
setting our hearts ablaze with a passion for peace,  
and firing our tongues with everlasting songs of joy.

## **The Consecration**

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion,  
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it  
to his disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for  
you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, after supper saying:  
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often  
as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim  
Christ’s death, celebrate Christ’s resurrection, and await  
Christ’s coming again.

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all  
of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this  
meal, make us the body of Christ, the church your servant  
people, that we may be salt and light, and leaven for the  
furtherance of your will in all the world.

### **Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

The body of Christ, the living bread.

The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

COMMUNION MUSIC #330 (NCH)

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Go now in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Love Christ and do the things he has done.

Dream dreams, pursue visions

and speak of God’s wonders

in the words of those who would hear.

And may God give you the Spirit of Truth forever;

May Christ Jesus work for you as you work for him;



and may the Holy Spirit bear witness within you  
to the love and peace that are yours in Christ.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
in the name of Christ. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #282 (NCH)

*“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”*

\*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

*“As the Spirit Moves”*

Garrett Parker

*Portions adapted from: Worship Ways, LaughingBird.net, Rev. Thom Shuman*

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

- Pastor Scott Hatfield & Fr. Thom Rock, **Leading  
Worship Service**
- Linda Wendelken, Rick Clark & Pam Ellis, **Liturgist**
- Nancy Zambraski, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds & Derek Wendelken, **Zoomigo**
- Sarah Johnson, **providing bread for Communion**
- Tim Johnson, **Coffee Hour**

**~This Week:**

- Handbell Choir, June 9, 8- 9:30am, Sanctuary

- Finance Meeting, June 9, 3:15pm, East Rm & Zoom
- Council Meeting, May 9, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Piano/Voice lessons, June 10, 11 & 13, 3-5pm
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, June 11, 9am, Barn
- Women's Fellowship, June 13, 10-12pm, Barn

**~Next Week:**

- B&G Service Sunday (no worship service), June 15
- Handbell Choir, June 16, 8- 9:30am, Sanctuary
- Mahjong in the Barn, June 16, 1:00-3:00pm, Barn
- Deacons' Meeting, June 16, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Piano/Voice lessons, June 17, 18 & 20, 3-5pm
- Mom & Baby Social Hour, June 18, 9am, Barn

June 15 is what B&G calls Service Sunday. There will not be a traditional service on that morning as we will engage in a number of projects around the church.

We plan to work on these from 10 to 12 and Tim and Sarah Johnson will once again provide coffee and a snack for us when it's over.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Barn.

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