



Rangeley Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Rangeley, Maine

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*An Open and Affirming Church*  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

10:00 AM

**Meditation:**

*What if, instead of posting the words of Moses, the Ten Commandments, in classrooms... we posted the words of Jesus, the Beatitudes instead?*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*"Thy Word"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liturgist**

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader & People**

Leader: Blessed be God... Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People: **and blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Leader: He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and  
what does the Lord require of you  
**People: but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to  
walk humbly with your God?**  
Leader: Come, let us worship.

## INVOCATION

\*GATHERING HYMN #172 (NCH)

*"Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"*

## CALL TO CONFESSION -

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may  
dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk in  
blameless, who do what is right, and speak  
truth from their heart.

**People: Who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly  
with their God.**

Leader: Those who do not slander with their tongue,  
nor speak evil about their neighbor.

**People: Who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly  
with their God.**

Leader: Those who honor and revere the Lord; who  
stand by their oath and keep their word.

**People: Who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly  
with their God.**

Leader: O God, we confess that we have not acted justly, we have not loved mercy, and we have not walked humbly with you, our God.

Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ. Pardon and deliver us,  
revive and restore us, and set our feet on the way of peace.

*Silent reflection on these words*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:1-8

**Liturgist**

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON The "Be-Like Jesus" Attitudes

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #180 (NCH)

*"Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"*

## 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: Evelyn Franson & family on the passing of Ray, Don & Susie Welch, Linda Wendelken, Janice Bredeau, Corinne Morton, Tony MacNaughton, Cyndy Egan's parents David & Dianne Scammon, Sheila Raymond, Marlene Knowles' daughter-in-law, Shannon Linder, Crystal Haley, Susan & Jack Tourtillotte, Maxie & AJ Elmes and their baby, Granger, Carol & Dan Perkins, Bill & Mary Richards, Kathy & Jim Wilcox, Heidi Ross, Tim & Sarah Johnson, Sue Downes and those serving in the Peace Corp: and finally, we pray for all those whose lives are impacted by natural disasters, violence, war, and those suffering from personal life challenges 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 MUSIC

*"Just As I Am"*

### 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**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing. Always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth who redeems us from the slavery of sin and death.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, who teaches us who the blessed are! Your Spirit anointed him to preach the good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the

baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery of sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

### **The Consecration**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. And he said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood, for we are called to be saints and bring the world to Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,

until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet.

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

The body of Christ, the living bread.

The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to boast in the Lord. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN #473 (NCH)

*“Blessed Assurance”*

\*THE BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

*“Let it Be A Hallelujah”*

*Portions adapted from: Brent Neely, Discipleship Ministries*

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- Pastor Scott Hatfield, **Leading Communion Service**
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- Claire Chase, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Erin Smith, **Song Leader**
- Sarah Johnson, **bread for Communion**
- Tim & Sarah Johnson, **Coffee Hour**

**~This Week:**

- Mahjong in the Barn, February 2, 1-3pm, Barn

**~Next Week:**

- F-Team offering worship service, Feb 8
- Finance Meeting, Feb 9, 3:15pm, East Room & Zoom
- Council Meeting, Feb 9, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Women's Winter Social, Feb 13, 10-12pm, Barn

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