



Rangeley Congregational Church
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Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Second Sunday of Easter

Mediation:

“Whatever you truly believe in your heart, that is what will surround you through the power of belief.”

-Unknown

April 12, 2026

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

“Make You Feel My Love”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader & **People**

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

People: Within our questioning, Christ appears.

Leader: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

People: Within our certainty, Christ appears.

Leader: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

People: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*GATHERING HYMN #42 (NCH)

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of

the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer.

People: **Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day,
and offer the truth of our lives:
The fear that stifles us,
The prejudice that impedes us,
The ignorance that hinders us,
The doubt that plagues us.**

**Help us, we pray, that we will
Find courage in unlikely places,
Move to those places where love is needed,
and have faith that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silent reflection on these words

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Liturgist

SERMON Doubt and Belief

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #256 (NCH)

"We Live by Faith and Not by Sight"

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: Don & Susie Welch, 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"

SERVICE OF GIVING

THE CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"I Greet You, Sure Redeemer"

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

*CLOSING HYMN #252 (NCH)

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

"What a Wonderful World"

Portions adapted from: Discipleship Ministries, Rev. Carlisle-Wilke

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

- Pastor Scott Hatfield **for leading worship service**
- Cyndy Egan, **Liturgist**
- Linda Caspar, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Tim & Sarah, **Coffee Hour**
- Erin Smith, **Music Leader**

~This Week:

- Council Meeting, April 13, 4pm, East Room & Zoom

~Next Week:

- Rev. Stan Wheeler leading Worship Service, April 19
- Mahjong in the Barn, April 20, 1-3pm, Barn
- Deacons' Meeting, April 20, 3pm, East Room & Zoom

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