



Rangeley Congregational Church
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Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Meditation:

“Blessed is He who discerns secrets, for the mind of each is different from the other, as is the face of each different from the other.”

-Talmud [Berachot 58a]

May 17, 2026

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

“Forever young”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to worship, people of God, with praise
 on your lips.

People: We glorify the One who holds our hands
when we slip.

Leader: Come into the presence of the One who calls us
into this sacred space.

People: Where the doors to grace are thrown open so
all may enter.

Leader: Come and hear the stories of the One who
loves you.

People: We will tell of the joy and of the love, of the
peace and of the hope which is ours.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*GATHERING HYMN #304 (NCH)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CALL TO CONFESSION – A responsive litany based on Psalm 66, adapted from work by Margaret D. McGee

Leader: O God, who made the world and everything in
it, we pray with one voice, proclaiming your
presence to all the earth.

For skeptics and believers, for clergy high and
low; For those who seek God at home, at work,
in the streets, and in the pews,

For all who search for life, come and listen:

People: And we will tell you what our God has done
for us.

Leader: We are alive in the spirit.
We are saved through water.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

People: For we too are God's offspring.

Leader: For presidents and governors, for employers
and clergy; For those who set the course at
home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews,
For all who wield power, come and listen:

**People: And we will tell you what our God has done
for us.**

Leader: We do not fear what others fear.
We proclaim the hope that is in us.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

People: For we too are God's offspring.

Leader: For friends and lovers, for neighbors and
strangers, For those who eat bread at home, at
work, in the streets, and in the pews,
For all who live in the world, come and listen:

**People: And we will tell you what our God has done
for us.**

Leader: In God, we live and move and have our being.
From God, we have life and breath and all
things. Because Christ lives, we also live.

People: For we too are God's offspring.

Leader: For the sick and troubled, for the fearful and
alone, For those in pain at home, at work, in
the streets, and in the pews, For all who suffer,
come and listen:

**People: And we will tell you what our God has done
for us.**

Leader: Our prayers are not rejected.
Our souls are held in life.
In truth, our God has heard us, and love is not withheld. Because Christ lives, we also live.

People: For we too are God's offspring.

Leader: For those kept in memory, for those long forgotten, For all who ever took the breath of life at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews, For the dead and those who mourn them, come and listen:

People: And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

Leader: We are blessed by your presence.
We are filled with the Spirit.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

People: For we too are God's offspring.

Leader: God of heaven and earth, Companion in life, Spirit of truth, to you alone we turn our eyes and lift our hearts. Amen.

Silent reflection on these words

WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 66:8-20

Acts 17:22-31

Liturgist

SERMON

How to Preach to a Tough Crowd

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #301 (NCH)

“Crown with Your Richest Crowns”

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 of Tony MacNaughton on his recent passing, Don & Susie Welch, Corinne Morton, 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, 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

“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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #319 (NCH)

“Sing Them Over Again to Me”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Portions adapted from: Rev. Thom Shuman, Worship Ways

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

- Pastor Scott Hatfield **for leading worship service**
- Rick Baker, **Liturgist**
- Joann Bean, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Erin Smith, **Music Leader**
- Sarah & Tim Johnson, **for providing Coffee Hour**

~This Week:

- Mahjong in the Barn, May 18, 1-3pm, Barn
- Deacons' Meeting, May 18, 3pm, East Room & Zoom

~Next Week:

- Gretchen Legler leading Worship Service, May 24
- MEMORIAL DAY, May 25



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