



Rangeley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Day of Pentecost

Meditation:

“If we can love enough, we are going to light that fire in the hearts of others.”

--*Dorothy Day*

May 24, 2026

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *“Anthem of Dedication ”* by Warren Martin

Whom shall we send? And who will go for us?

Here am I, Lord; send me.

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is thine own: it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.
Whom shall we send? And who will go for us?
Here am I, Lord; send me.
O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my Savior and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.
O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Savior and my Friend.
Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 104)

Leader: O Lord how wonderful is the world you made
and remake every day.

People: **The earth is full of your creatures great and
small.**

Leader: In the beginning, your breath of life ordered
the dark and chaos, and now again as the
season of spring bursts upon us here in Maine
we feel your spirit.

People: **Your holy spirit animates all life.**

Leader: When you take away your breath, your world and its creatures turn to dust, from whence we came.

People: Let us be grateful for the miracle of breath—the wind in the trees and on the water, the hum of bees, the vibrations of creation.

Leader: Remind us always of the preciousness of the life you have bestowed on us all.

People: Continue to renew us with your spirit.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Holy One: Bless this gathering of your people. We have come to seek your divine presence in shared community, in friendship and in song. As we worship here today in this beautiful and humble church, breathing in the sweet spring air, exchanging words with one another, filling our lungs to loudly sing your praise, let us be reminded that this simple act of breathing in and breathing out is your spirit moving through us. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN #261 (NCH)

“Let Every Christian Pray”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Please join me now in the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious One, your holy spirit animates all life. From the ant and the blackfly to the leviathan swimming in your awesome oceans. Your spirit also animates me, and all

humans. I confess that in the hurry and chaos of life I often forget to stop and marvel at this fact. All life is sacred. Let your holy breath fill me and empower me to be your steward in all ways here on earth. Amen

Silent reflection on these words

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The miracle of the holy spirit is that it is always with us, like an invisible friend living inside our hearts. Be reassured that it will never abandon you; never leave you orphaned. For this we are truly grateful.

WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

Liturgist

1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Liturgist

John 20: 19-23

SERMON Ruach

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #264 (NCH)**

"Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us"

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 son, 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

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

As Paul tells the Corinthians, “To each is given a manifestation of the spirit for the common good.” Your gift may be carpentry, it may be a gift for words or music, a gift with finances and numbers, a gift for caring for the natural world, for healing others. Whatever your gift, Paul tells us, it matters, for we are all one body. Monetary gifts that sustain the work of this congregation, are important, as are the gifts of your talents, your time, and your spirit. In gratitude and graciousness, whatever gifts we have freely received, may we now freely offer a portion of them in return.

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

Creator, Life Giver, Holy Spirit: We give you thanks and praise. Receive the gifts of our hearts and lives as a joyful thank you for the wonder of your creation. Transform our gifts to become a beacon of hope and a balm of healing for all. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #606 (NCH)

“Nearer, My God, to You”

BENEDICTION

“For those who are spiritual — who are filled with the active, dynamic Spirit of God himself — the line between heaven and earth is thin at best. The sacred is never far away. And your job, your career or whatever it is you do all day long, isn’t something outside of Jesus’ calling on your life — it’s right at the center of it.”

—John Mark Comer

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

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

- Gretchen Legler **for leading worship service**
- Bob Silvia, **Liturgist**
- Linda Caspar, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Erin Smith, **Music Leader**
- Sarah & Tim Johnson, **for providing Coffee Hour**

~This Week:

- **MEMORIAL DAY, May 25**

~Next Week:

- Rev. Stan Wheeler leading Worship Service, May 31
- Mahjong in the Barn, June 1, 1-3pm, Barn



Information for Tony MacNaughton's
Funeral service, Graveside service, and
Celebration of Life.

Funeral Service

Saturday, May 30, 2026

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Church of the Good Shepherd
2614 Main St., Rangeley, ME

Graveside Service

Saturday, May 30, 2026

12:30 pm-12:45 pm

Evergreen Cemetery
Rt. 4 North, Rangeley, ME

Celebration of Life

Saturday, May 30, 2026

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Rangeley Congregational Church Barn
2 High St, Rangeley, ME

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