



Rangeley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 7, 2026

10:00 AM

Meditation:

*To love for the sake of being loved is human, but to love for the sake
loving is angelic.*

-Alphonse de Lamartine

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"True Colors"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader & People

Leader: God hears the cry of the needy, and does not
wait for us to call before coming to our aid;

People: While we were still lost in our brokenness and sin, God came to us, lived among us, died our death, and rose to lead us into life.

Leader: And so, we come to worship, to offer God our devotion, our love, our thanksgiving, and our praise.

People: For God is worthy. Praise be to our God.

INVOCATION

*GATHERING HYMN #459 (NCH)

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Compassionate Christ, you have shown your love in works of healing, forgiveness, justice, and by giving yourself to us and for us, in your death and resurrection.

People: Yet we are slow to love and to serve, we seek to have our own needs met before caring for the needs of others. We fail to give ourselves, and choose instead to preserve our safety, our comfort and our privilege. Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to live lives of compassion following your example.

Leader: Jesus, in extravagant compassion, has already secured our forgiveness, and calls us to live as

those who are renewed and thankful. Receive this grace, and share it.

People: We are so grateful. We will go and live differently because of what you, Jesus, have done for us.

Silent reflection on these words

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Liturgist

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

SERMON He Loved People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #23 (NCH)

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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”

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You”

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

God, our world desperately needs your compassion and grace:

We are at war and need to learn peace and understanding,

We are greedy and selfish and need to learn to serve and to share the abundance of your world,

We are callous and judgmental and need to learn to care for and to befriend one another, and we are ourselves sick, grieving, lonely, broken and wounded.

Hear our prayers, Lord, and answer. Teach us to live as those who give and receive loving compassion, even as you have been compassionate toward us.

Eucharistic Prayer

We are so grateful that God has welcomed us to this table. We celebrate this, and all the ways that God cares for us and shows us love. It is good to be reminded of God's compassion and generosity, and it is good to respond with thanksgiving, with praise, and with consistent, generous living.

Lord God, we are here because you have made it possible, you made us to be your children, in your image, you have always surrounded us with your

presence. In Christ you have shared all that makes us human. In bringing Jesus back from death, you have made full and everlasting life available to us, and you have given us hope in the promise of your coming kingdom. We have done nothing to earn these gifts. We cannot claim to be deserving, but in your mercy, you welcome us freely. Thank you.

The Consecration

And so, we remember how God's compassion was expressed through Jesus.

As he shared his last meal with his friends before his death, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it among them with these words, "This is my body, broken for you. Eat and remember me."

After the meal, he took the cup of wine, blessed it, and shared it among them with these words, "This is my blood, poured out for you. Drink and remember me." And so, we eat and drink and remember, and we will keep doing this until Jesus returns in glory.

Now, O God, may we who share this bread and wine, be nourished by the body and blood of Christ, be filled with your spirit, be transformed into one body, and be joined with you forever.

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

Thank you, God, for this meal, and for the way it feeds our souls, changes our hearts, and unites us with you. We go now to live as followers of Christ, as people of compassion, as those who seek to serve and heal the world.

And now may God’s presence, God’s love, and God’s favor go with us, and remain with us always. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #537 (NCH)

“Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed”

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

“Beautifully Broken”

Portions adapted from: John van de Laar Liturgy of Compassion, Laughing Bird, Sacredise.

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

- Pastor Scott Hatfield, **Leading Communion Service**
- Linda Jones, **Liturgist**
- Nancy Zambraski, **Deacon of the Week**
- Rick Baker, **Zoomigo**
- Erin Smith, **Song Leader**
- Sarah Johnson, **bread for Communion**
- Linda Caspar & Nancy Zambraski, **Coffee Hour**

~This Week:

- Finance Meeting, June 8, 8:30am, East Rm & Zoom
- Council Meeting, June 8, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Women's Fellowship, June 12, 10-12pm, Barn

~Next Week:

- Consecration Sunday, June 14, Stewardship Team
- Mahjong in the Barn, June 15, 1-3pm, Barn
- Deacons' Meeting, June 15, 3pm, East Room & Zoom

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