



Rangeley Congregational Church
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Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Meditation:

“In the church of Jesus Christ, there can and should be no non-theologians.”

-Karl Barth

June 21, 2026

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

“Everything”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 10:29-31)

Leader: Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

People: **God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.**

Leader: God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

People: **We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. In the name of our Lord and Savior we pray. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN #86 (NCH)

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us prepare our hearts through the confession of our individual and collective sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but we allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen.

Silent reflection on these words

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

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SERMON Discipleship Is Not For Everyone

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #607 (NCH)

"We Would Be Building"

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, 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

Having heard of God's love and grace to us all, let us give all that we are to God. Let us give also of what we have for God's work in the world.

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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us, shape us, send us, so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #18 (NCH)**

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

BENEDICTION

God, bless us. Jesus, walk with us. Holy Spirit, guide us. As we leave this house of worship may the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

"Rebel Heart"

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

- Rev. Stan Wheeler **for leading worship service**
- Linda Caspar, **Liturgist**
- Nancy Zambraski, **Deacon of the Week**
- Claire Chase, **Zoomigo**
- Erin Smith, **Music Leader**
- Tim & Sarah, **for providing Coffee Hour**

~This Week:

- Women's Fellowship meets June 26, 10-12pm, Barn

~Next Week:

- Service Sunday, June 28, 10am-11:30am.
(no worship service)

Sunday, June 28, is Service Sunday, 10-11:30am
As in the past it's a legitimate excuse to come to
church in your work clothes.

There is a sign -up sheet in the Barn to choose
your desired chore.

Thank you, Rick B



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