



Rangeley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

10:00 AM

Meditation:

*You study, you learn, but you guard the original
naivete.*

-Henri Matisse

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Bless the Lord my Soul"
Taizé

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader & **People**

Leader: Come, all who are hungry and thirsty, weary
and in need.

People: We come seeking peace, rest, and care from the Lord.

Leader: Jesus does not send us away empty. He sees our need and says, "Bring what you have to me".

People: We bring our small gifts, our heavy burdens, and our quiet hopes.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who takes our little, blesses it, and gives us more than enough.

People: Praise be to God who feeds our hearts and satisfies our souls! Amen.

INVOCATION

***GATHERING HYMN #321 (NCH)**

"Break Now the Bread of Life"

CALL TO CONFESSION

People: Lord God, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength.

We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, be gracious and merciful, and forgive us all our sins.

Silent reflection on these words

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 145:8-21

Liturgist

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON Naiveté

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #562 (NCH)

“Take My Gifts”

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: Peter and Nini Christensen, 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, 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

"Spirit of the Living God"

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

Christ's invitation is simple, sit down where you are.
You don't need to run off somewhere else,
not a nearby village market or a familiar sanctuary.

Communion is where you are; sit down.

The disciples complained,
it is a deserted place and the hour is late.
Jesus said, "They need not go away."
No one needs to go away.
No one is deserted and no one is late,
not you who feel alone,
or because something has made your life a
wilderness.

Jesus has compassion on every crowd,
healing them, one by one by one.
Here is green grass,
someone to help you sit down,
someone to help you stand up again,
someone to bless Communion,
so it will be enough,
and break it into pieces you can handle.
Sit down where you are.

Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer of Consecration

In the story about feeding a multitude, Jesus asked that people bring to him what they had. You have done that today. Here and in your own space, rest your hands lightly upon these elements which we set aside today to be a sacrament. We ask God's blessing

on them to make them enough and also to make them abundant for us and for all those who are in our prayers this morning.

God of compassion, you bless and break everything we are and everything we bring to you. Our deep scarcity becomes enough to sustain us. Then our “just enough” becomes an abundance we could never imagine.

We pray that your Spirit of life and love, of tenderness and power, rest upon every bread and every cup.

We pray that they may feed the innermost need of each child of God and pour forth a grace that can change the world. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you.

Sharing of the Elements

The bread on your table is blessed and broken like the picnic of grace.

Sharing love, we will never be hungry.

The cup on your table is blessed and shared like the overflowing of tears and joy.

Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.

The body of Christ, the living bread.

The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

In thanksgiving for the meal that heals yesterday and the unexpected grace that empowers tomorrow, we pray for the wisdom to generously give away our twelve baskets of leftovers ...

O Holy One, as we received this sacrament in our holy worship, bless us with your love and justice, your compassion and courage, your hope and healing. Help us gather the leftovers from the miracles in our lives, multiply them, and give them away. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #539 (NCH)**

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

"Concerto in a minor" (3rd movt.)

Antonio Vivaldi (1678- 1741)

*Portions adapted from: Ministry Matters, Rev. Maren C. Tirabassi,
Christine Longhurst, Discipleship Ministries.*

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

Thank you to Tim Wallace for today's special music.

- Pastor Scott Hatfield, **Leading Communion Service**
- Linda Caspar, **Liturgist**
- Fred Dubay, **Deacon of the Week**
- Claire Chase, **Zoomigo**
- Sue Downes, **Music**
- Sarah Johnson, **bread for Communion**
- Tim and Sarah Johnson, **Coffee Hour**

~This Week:

- Handbell Rehearsal, August 3, 9-10am, Sanctuary
- Mahjong in the Barn, August 3, 1-3pm, Barn

~Next Week:

- Rev. Jack Zappulla leading worship service, August 9
- Handbell Rehearsal, August 10, 9-10am, Sanctuary
- Finance Meeting, August 10, 3:15pm, East Room & Zoom
- Council Meeting, August 10, 4pm, East Room & Zoom
- Women's Fellowship meets, August 14, 10-12pm, Barn

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