



Rangeley Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Rangeley, Maine

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An Open and Affirming Church
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

10:00 AM

Meditation:

I had an inheritance from my father, it was the moon and the
sun. And though I roam all over the world,
the spending of it's never done.

-- Ernest Hemingway

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR GATHERING AND PRAISE

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Coat of Many Colors"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader & **People**

Leader: The heavens tell the glory of God! The way of the Holy One is perfect.

People: **God's commandments are right and clear.**

Leader: The creation tells the glory of God! The work of the Holy One is perfect.

People: **God's expectations are pure and righteous.**

Leader: The people tell the glory of God! The law of the Holy One is perfect.

People: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, Holy One, our rock and redeemer.**

INVOCATION

*GATHERING HYMN #86 (NCH)

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CALL TO CONFESSION

People: Righteous God, you have given us blueprints to follow for living a faithful life. Your commandments are clear and your example considerable. Yet, we often drift away from loving you, loving our neighbor, and loving ourselves. Remind us that the path to flourishing, full life is love. Lead us back to

**that everlasting path so that we might be
fruitful and give glory to your name.**

Silent reflection on these words

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 80:7-15

Liturgist

Matthew 21:33-46

SERMON Fruitful Inheritance

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #454 (NCH)**

"Lord, I Want To Be a Christian"

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, Jessica House, 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

"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

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have made us your own, through Christ Jesus, and given us a new righteousness based on faith. You brought your people out of slavery and gave them your laws and commandments, that they might be rich in Spirit and clear in vision.

Though we repeatedly rejected your ways and destroyed your messengers, you sent your Son to us to renew heaven's call. Though the crowds recognized him as a prophet, those who coveted his inheritance seized and killed him.

But you raised him from the dead, and now through the power of his resurrection he stands as the cornerstone of righteousness, the first fruits of the kingdom, and the incomparable prize towards which we press.

Prayer of Consecration

On the night before he died,
Jesus had a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and blessed it.
He broke it, gave it to them and said:
Take this and eat it; this is my body, given for you.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he blessed it, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, the new covenant of God's love.
Do this to remember me.

Father, as we remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit, that the bread and wine we
bring before you may be for us Christ's body and his
blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may live as children of
your heavenly kingdom, that we may be living stones
building up your church.
Help us to love one another, as we work for peace on
earth, and wait for Jesus to come in glory.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

The body of Christ, the living bread.
The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

COMMUNION MUSIC #330 NCH

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Go now in the righteousness of faith
and live by God's just demands.

May God's perfect word revive your soul;
May Christ Jesus be your savior and your rock;
And may the Holy Spirit strengthen you to press ever
onward.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #19 (NCH)

"Guide Me, O My great Redeemer"

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Portions adapted from: Worship Ways.

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

- Pastor Scott Hatfield, **Leading Communion Service**
- Cyndy Egan, **Liturgist**
- Nancy Zambraski, **Deacon of the Week**
- Lucy Simonds, **Zoomigo**
- Erin Smith, **Music**
- Sarah Johnson, **bread for Communion**

- Nancy Zambraski, **Coffee Hour**

~This Week:

- Mahjong in the Barn, October 5, 1-3pm, Barn
- Women's Fellowship meets, October 9, 10-12pm, Barn

~Next Week:

- Maine Conference Minister, Rev. Marisa Laviola leading worship service, October. 11
- Finance Meeting, October 12, 3:15pm, East Room & Zoom
- Council Meeting, October 12, 4:00pm, East Room & Zoom
- Women's Fellowship meets, October 16, 10-12pm, Barn

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If you are in need of pastoral care at Franklin Hospital, Rev. Stan Wheeler may be called and, if he is available, will attend to your pastoral needs.

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