

The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

May 25, 2025 10:00 a.m. — Sixth Sunday in Easter

*Anybody can observe the Sabbath,
but making it holy surely takes the rest of the week.*

— Alice Walker

*Sometimes I have loved the peacefulness of an ordinary Sunday.
It is like standing in a newly planted garden after a warm rain.
You can feel the silent and invisible life.*

— Marilynne Robinson

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Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 67)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us.
May God's face shine upon us.

People: **May the way of God be known on earth,
your saving power among the nations.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, God.
Let all the people praise you.

People: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you
judge the people with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

Leader: Let the people praise you, God; let all the people praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase; our God has blessed us.

All: **May God continue to bless us;
let the ends of the earth worship God.**

Hymn NCH #18 *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

God of all, you are with us every moment. We want to feel your presence. We hope to follow your way everlasting, though our sins cause us to stumble. We confess we have ignored your commandments. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved one another as you have loved us. We have neglected to do good, and have done wrong when it suited our purposes. Forgive us we pray. Give us strength and courage to follow where you lead, and do what is pleasing to you. Open our hearts to your healing love, as we offer you our silent confessions...

Words of Assurance

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Children's Message

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Joys and Concerns

A Prayer For Our Country (insert)

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Amen

Scripture Lessons: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 5:1-9

Scripture Response:

Leader: For the Word in Scripture, for the Word among us,
for the Word within us:

All: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response (2 Times)

Psalm 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Sermon

Hymn TWC #416 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

Call To Offering

Doxology (Old Hundredth)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, the Word in flesh born low;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God, thank you for inviting us to serve, and giving meaning to our lives. With gratitude we return this portion of the blessings you have given. We pray that you would bless these gifts, and all who give of time, talent, and treasure. Give us wisdom and compassion to serve you with a spirit of love. Inspire our work and words so your light shines from this place. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Hymn NCH #377 *Forward Through the Ages*

Benediction

Benediction Response *Go Now in Peace*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Postlude

Pastor: The Reverend Richard Malmberg
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Please pray for:

Dean Prentiss, Bill Sudsbury, Chuck Shaw,
Linda Smith, Ann Rogers, Stephen Hill,
Dave Adams.

Members living in retirement homes:
Becky Hubbard, Carol Lamp and Carole Hill.

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The altar flowers today are given by the Brodeur family.