

The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

June 15, 2025 10:00 a.m. — Trinity Sunday

When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it—always.

— Mahatma Gandhi

In a time of deceit telling the truth is a revolutionary act.

— George Orwell

A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.

— Mark Twain

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Welcome and Announcements

Public notice of Annual Meeting

Introit

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 8)

Leader: O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: **Your glory is chanted in the heavens
by the mouths of babes and infants.**

Leader: When I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you established;
what are humans that you are mindful of us,
who are we that you care for us?

People: **Yet you made us little less than God,
and you crown us with glory and honor.**

Leader: You have given us dominion over the works of your hands;
you put all things under our feet: all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
and the fish of the sea, whatever passes
along the paths of the sea.

All: **O God, our God, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!
May our meditations please our Creator, for in God we rejoice.**

Hymn TWC #78 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

God, you are the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. We seek to follow you in the way everlasting. Too often, we stumble along mindlessly. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, nor have we loved one another as you have loved us. We have done wrong when we could have made other choices. Forgive us, we pray. Give us strength and conviction to follow where you lead. Open our hearts to your healing love, as we offer you these 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

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Amen

Scripture Lessons: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

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 NCH #21 *God Reigns O'er All the Earth*

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, we gratefully offer this portion of what you have given us. Bless our offering, and all who give of time, talent, and treasure. Grant us wisdom and compassion to serve with a spirit of love. May our work and words reflect your light from this place and wherever we go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn NCH #277 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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
Lay reader: Betty Prentiss
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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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