

The First Congregational Church
Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ
July 13, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

*The world will give you that once in awhile, a brief timeout; the boxing bell rings
and you go to your corner, where somebody dabs mercy on your beat-up life.*

— Sue Monk Kidd

*Rats and roaches live by competition under the laws of supply and demand;
it is the privilege of human beings to live under the laws of justice and mercy.*

— Wendell Berry

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Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 25)

Leader: I lift up my soul to you, O God.

**People: God, I trust you; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Leader: Let me know your ways, O God; show me your paths.

**People: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are
the God of my salvation; I wait for you all day long.**

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O God, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**People: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions.
Remember me according to your steadfast love, O God!**

**All: All the paths of the Eternal One are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.**

Hymn NCH #439 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, you called worlds into being. You call us to be your people and embrace us in covenant. You became flesh, dwelled among us, and sent your Holy Spirit to be our counselor and comforter. Open our hearts to the amazing ways we may know you and serve you. Be patient with us we pray, as we work to remove the barriers we place between ourselves, you, and one another. We confess we have sinned by what we have said, done and failed to do. Forgive us, we pray. Renew our hearts so we may serve you joyfully, by serving your children. Be gentle, we pray, and open our hearts to you in this silence we offer...

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: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Luke 10:25-37

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 #45 *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*

Call To Offering

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 return this portion of what you gave us. Bless our offering, and all who give of time, money, and skill. 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 #299 *For All the Saints*

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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We are happy to welcome back Seth Phoenix to accompany our hymns this week.

On the cover: *The Parable of the Good Samaritan*, Michael Wolgemut, woodcut,
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