

The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost - September 21, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

The real measure of your wealth is how much you'd be worth if you lost all your money.

—Anonymous

The greatest wealth is to live content with little.

—Plato

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Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 113)

Leader: Praise, O servants of God; praise God's name.

People: **Bless the name of our God
from this time and forevermore.**

**From the rising of the sun to its setting
the name of God is to be praised.**

Leader: God is high above the nations,
God's glory above the heavens.

People: **Who is like our God, who is seated on high,
who looks down on the heavens and the earth?**

All: **God raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with nobles,
with the leaders of God's people.**

Hymn NCH #42 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

Creator of every breath and everything that breathes, you give us life and love and more than we will ever know. We praise you and thank you for all you give us. We hope to feel your spirit and follow your way. But our sin confounds our efforts. We stray from the path you set before us. We waste precious time on trivial matters. We become lost serving our own desires rather than the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Open us to all the goodness you offer. Renew our spirits and be known to us in the 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: Amos 8:4-7; Luke 16:1-13

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# 485 vs 1-3, *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

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

Gracious and generous God, thank you for the opportunity and ability to give a portion of what you gave us. We dedicate these gifts to ministry in your name. Grant us wisdom, inspire compassion, and fill us with joy as we walk the paths of service and discipleship. All this we pray in Christ. Amen.

Hymn TWC #498 *I Love to Tell the Story*

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.

Pastor: The Reverend Richard Malmberg

Lay Reader: Michael Brodeur

Ushers and Greeters: Sue Krebs & Lester Phillips

Zoom Director: Paul Looney

Office Administrator: Jane Vesper

Clerk of the church: Linda Wright

Deacon of the month of September: Michael Brodeur

The flowers on the altar are given by Chuck and Ellie Shaw in celebration of their daughter Annie's birthday.

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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