

# **The First Congregational Church**

**Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ**

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost - October 19, 2025, 10:00 a.m.**

**Ukama Sunday**

*If there is no struggle, there is no progress.*

– Frederick Douglas

*What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters*

*compared to that lies within us.*

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Introit**

#### **Call To Worship** (based on Psalm 121)

**Leader:** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?

**People:** **My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.**

**Leader:** God will not let your foot be moved.

The One who keeps you will not slumber.

**People:** **Behold, the God who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber or sleep.**

**Leader:** God is your keeper, and the shade on your right hand.

**People:** **The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.**

**Leader:** God will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.

**All:** **God will keep your going out and your coming in from this  
time forth and for evermore.**

**Hymn** TWC #353      *For the Beauty of the Earth*

#### **Prayer of Invocation and Confession** (unison)

God of sunrise and ocean depth, creator of all that lives and breathes, we are amazed by the work of your hands. We wait with joy and expectation for the movement of your spirit among us. We hope to please you with songs of praise, acts of kindness, and righteous relationships. Yet even when we seek to follow you, we become lost. Rather than listen for your call, we are distracted by our own noise. Rather than serve you by serving your children in need, we pursue frivolous desires. Forgive us, we pray. Make us whole again, by engaging us in your sacred purpose. Make us sensitive to your Word as we open ourselves to you in silence...

#### **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:** Genesis 32:22-31; Luke 18:1-8

**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 #498 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

**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, we give thanks for the opportunity and ability to give this portion of what you entrusted to us. We now dedicate these gifts to ministry in your name. Grant us wisdom, compassion, and joy as we journey together on the path of service and discipleship. All this we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

**Hymn** NCH #537      *Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed*

### **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:** Bob Rhodes

**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 October:** Peter Graves

### **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.