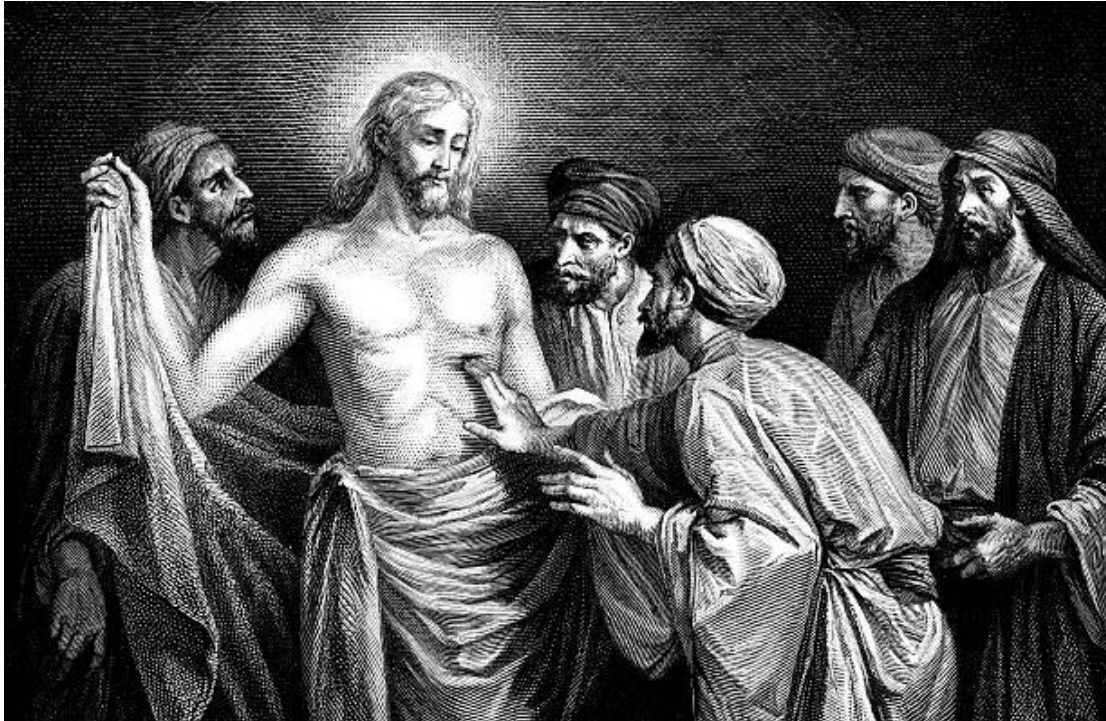


The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

April 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Second Sunday of Easter



Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.

—William Carey

“The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time.”

—Carl F.H. Henry

15 Washington Street Walpole, New Hampshire
www.walpolenhucc.org

Gathering Music/ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 16)

Leader: God is my chosen portion and my cup; God holds my lot.

**People: Boundaries have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader: I bless God who gives me counsel.

People: In the night my heart instructs me.

Leader: I keep the Almighty always before me.

People: Because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**All: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
My body dwells secure.
God shows me the path of life;
God's presence is full of joy.**

Hymn TWC #70 *God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

God, you make yourself known in resurrection power. In you we find hope and comfort. Our hearts rejoice. Our mouths fill with praise. Yet, our praise rings hollow. Like Peter, we are haunted by the times we denied you by word and action. We have ignored your call to serve you by serving others. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us by the power of your love. Unlock our hearts. Help us to perceive your presence as we offer our silent confessions...

Words of Assurance

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Children's Message

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Amen

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:14a,22-32; John 20:19-31

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 #256 *We Live by Faith and Not by Sight*

Call to Offering

Doxology Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God, with grateful hearts we offer this portion of blessings you gave us. Consecrate our giving and every action, that they may speak of your goodness and your love. Inspire us, so that our gifts of time, talent, and treasure may be employed to the glory of your name. Amen.

Hymn NCH #478 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

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: Reverend Richard Malmberg

Ushers and Greeters: John and Deb McCollister

Lay reader: Deb McCollister

Music Director: Anna Dunn

Zoom Director : Paul Looney

Office Administrator: Linda Wright

Deacon of the Month: Deb McCollister

Telephone: 603-756-4075

Email: walpolechurch@yahoo.com. **Website:** www.walpolenhucc.org

Please pray for:

Dean Prentiss, Bill Sudsbury, Chuck Shaw, Dave Adams,
Linda Graff and Bob Rhodes

Prayers for our sister church in Zimbabwe

Members living in retirement homes:

Becky Hubbard and Carol Lamp

On the cover: The Risen Christ appearing to the disciples. Thomas touches the wound in his side.
(John 20:26-29) Artist, medium, date, and place of origin unavailable.