

The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

May 10, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day



*As we abide in the Vine we begin to take on the vine's attributes,
and it will become more natural for us to see things through God's eyes.*

—Ibrahim E. Sakkab

*Abiding does not mean sitting idly by. It means resting in the work,
resting in the moment, resting in the truth, resting in the confidence
that God is your provision.*

—Robin Bertram

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Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 66)

Leader: All the earth worships you, O God; we sing praises to you.

People: These are God's wondrous deeds:

God turned the sea into dry land;

the people passed through the river on foot.

We rejoice in the Holy One.

Leader: God rules by might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations.
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Bless our God, O peoples.
Let the sound of praise be heard everywhere!

People: We will come into your house with offerings;

we will keep faith with our vows,

which our lips uttered and our mouths

promised in times of trouble.

All: Truly God has listened and given heed to our prayers.

Blessed is the Almighty, who surrounds us with steadfast love!

Hymn NCH #31 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

Creator God, you made us in your image. You nurture us like a father and guard us like a mother. Too often we rebel like obnoxious children and avoid the goodness you intend for us. Absorbed in willfulness, we find it difficult to perceive your love, and impossible to give it away. Forgive us, we pray. Open our hearts to the family of all people and to all creation. Grant us grateful hearts, generous spirits, and let your presence tickle our souls in the silence we offer...

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 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

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 #423 *Great Is Your Faithfulness*

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. Bless 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 in the service of your children and to the glory of your name. Amen.

Hymn TWC #20 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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: Dale and Bonnie Woodward

Lay reader: Ellie Shaw

Music Director: Anna Dunn

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Please pray for:

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

Prayers for our sister church in Zimbabwe

Members living in retirement homes:
Becky Hubbard and Carol Lamp

Altar flowers today are given by Deb McCollister.

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