

# The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

May 31, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Trinity Sunday



*It is not that I'm so smart. But I stay with the questions much longer.*

—Albert Einstein

*Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens.*

—Jimi Hendrix

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## **Gathering Music / Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Introit**

#### **Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 8)

Leader: God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: You, whose glory is in the heavens;  
your praise, chanted by babes and infants.**

Leader: When I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars which you established;  
what are humans that you are mindful of us,  
who are we that you care for us?

**People: Yet you made us little less than God,  
And crown us with glory and honor.**

Leader: You have given us dominion over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under our feet; all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,  
and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

**All: O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**Hymn** NCH #277 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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

God, we gather seeking to learn your way and your will. Open us to your Word, your presence, and your Spirit. Help us perceive your image in one another so we grow together as one body. Still, we cling to our sin. We have done wrong, and we have neglected to do good. We have hurt others with our words and our actions. We have remained silent in the face of evil. Forgive us, we pray. To you we offer our broken and contrite hearts. To you we offer silence, in which we place our hope for forgiveness and healing...

#### **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:** Genesis 1:1-5; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

## **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 #522 *I Love to Tell the Story*

## **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, we thank you for laughter, for joy, for love, and for life. We are grateful for the material blessings that free us to look beyond mere survival. Make us good stewards of all that we have, and bless what we offer. Grant that we may glorify you through our warm welcome, loving nurture, and passion for justice. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**Hymn** TWC #739 *Pass It On*

## **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:** Mary Campbell

**Lay reader:** Kathy Yardley

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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

*The altar flowers today are given by Jan Martin  
in memory of Bruce on his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.*

On the cover: A folio of Papyrus 46 (written ca. AD 200), containing 2 Corinthians 11:33–12:9. This manuscript contains almost complete parts of the whole Pauline epistles