

The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

June 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Third Sunday After Pentecost



*The fruits of life can only grow when your roots are implanted well.
Being grounded is the key to being fruitful.*

— Dr Prem Jagyasi

Be faithful till the end. In the end, you will be fruitful.

— Gift Gugu Mona

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Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to our God, all the lands!

People: Serve our God with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Know that God is sovereign! God made us, and we belong to God.

People: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's holy name!

All: For the Eternal One is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, faithful to all generations.

Hymn NCH #303 *Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we give thanks for this glorious creation, for the web of relationships into which you weave us. Your Spirit moves among us and within us. Yet our sin dulls our sensitivity to your presence. It confounds our efforts to build community. We confess that we have sinned against you and one another by thought, word and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us, we pray. Gather us to your purpose that we might know joy and peace in your service. Open our hearts to your love in this 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.

Children's Message

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Amen

Scripture Lessons: Exodus 10:2-8a; Matthew 9:35-10:8

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 # 393 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Call To Offering

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.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

For your abundant blessings, O God, we offer words of thanks and praise. In praising we find joy, and serving you brings meaning to our lives. We now offer gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and dedicate them to ministry in your name. So employed, may your Spirit knit us together as a faith community and open our hearts to your people. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn TWC #609 *Leaning on The Everlasting Arms*

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: The Reverend Richard Malmberg

Usher and Greeter: Sue Krebs

Lay reader: Becky Pearson

Music Director: Anna Dunn

Zoom Director: Paul Looney

Deacon of the month: Linda Wright

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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 Chiredzi, Zimbabwe

Members living in retirement homes:

Becky Hubbard and Carol Lamp

On the cover: *Moses Showing the Tables of the Law to the People*, 1659, Rembrandt, oil painting, Dutch