

The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

June 21, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Father's Day



*If you haven't developed an ear to listen past the unspoken,
you haven't developed hearing.*

— Abhijit Naskar

*Listening is the most dangerous thing of all,
listening means knowing,
finding out about something and knowing what's going on,
our ears don't have lids that can instinctively close
against the words uttered,
they can't hide from what they sense they're about to hear,
it's always too late.*

— Javier Marías

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Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship: (Based on Psalm 69)

Leader: God, for your sake I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.

**People: We have become strangers to our neighbors,
aliens to our families.**

Zeal for your house consumes us.

Leader: When I humbled my soul with fasting,
they insulted me for doing so.

**People: When we made sackcloth our clothing,
we were a joke to them.**

Leader: I am the subject of gossip; drunkards make up songs about me.

All: As for us, our prayers are to you, our God.

In the abundance of your steadfast love, answer us.

With your faithful help, rescue us from sinking in the mire.

Hymn NCH #12 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

God of grace and glory, we gather today yearning to feel the movements of your Spirit in our midst and in our hearts. We seek the truth that continues to break forth from your Word. We long for harmony in our relationships with you, each other, and our best selves. Our sin confounds us and isolates us. We use words to hurt rather than to heal. We embrace privilege and reject sacrifice. Forgive us we pray. Renew our hearts with passion for the possible, so we may find wholeness in your service. Open us to your presence in this 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: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Matthew 10:24-39

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 #307 *Glorious Things of You Are Spoken*

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 all you have given and all you are doing. We offer our time, talent, and treasure not knowing what you will make of us. Inspire us each to be part of the goodness you are creating. All this we pray in Christ. Amen.

Hymn NCH #503 *O Saviour, Let Me Walk with You*

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: Jana Sellarole

Lay reader: Jane Malmberg

Music Director: Anna Dunn

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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 Zimbabwe

Members living in retirement homes:

Becky Hubbard and Carol Lamp

Altar flowers this Sunday are given by the Prentiss Family in memory of Rick.

On the cover: *Jeremiah sits amidst the rubble of Jerusalem, after its siege and destruction in 586 B.C.*, Lithograph by B. Weiss after E.J.F. Bendemann.