

The First Congregational Church
Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ
June 28, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



*A society committed to the search for truth must give protection to,
and set a high value upon, the independent and original mind,
however angular, however rasping, however socially unpleasant it may be;
for it is upon such minds, in large measure,
that the effective search for truth depends.*

— Caryl Parker Haskins

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Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship: (Based on Psalm 36)

Leader: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God,
your judgments are like the great deep;
human and beast you save, O Creator.**

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
Your children take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: We feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give us drink from your river of delights.**

**All: With you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.
Continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

Hymn TWC #78 vs 1-4 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

God of all, we gather today in this company seeking to discern your call and follow your way. We are grateful for the gift of scripture in which we discover your Word. We hope for strength and wisdom so that when we meet you, we do not shrink from the encounter. We know that you created every person in your image and likeness. We know we have fallen short. We have sinned against you. We have wronged our neighbors. Help us remember that by serving your children, we serve you. Grant us sensitivity to perceive the movements of your Holy Spirit in our worship today, every day, and in this silence we now 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: Genesis 22:1-14; Matthew 10:40-42

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 #26 *We Worship You, God*

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)

Everything we need we receive from you, O God. Bless our gifts and tithes, as tokens of our gratitude for your abundant grace and love. We dedicate them and ourselves to ministry in your name, so we may shine forth your light and your love in all that we do. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Hymn NCH #77 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

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: ????

Lay reader: Mary Campbell

Music Director: Anna Dunn

Zoom Director: Linda Wright

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

On the Cover: *The Angel Intervenes as Abraham Prepares to Sacrifice Isaac*. Engraving by S.A. Bolswert, c. 1620, after T. Romboots.