

The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

June 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Second Sunday After Pentecost



*Faith is to believe what you do not see;
the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.*

—St. Augustine

Faith is a knowledge within the heart, beyond the reach of proof.

—Oswald Chambers

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Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship: (Based on Psalm 33)

Leader: Praise God with the lyre, make melody with the harp of ten strings!
Sing to God a new song, play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

People: The Word of God is upright; and God's work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: The Holy One loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of God's steadfast love.

**People: By the Word of God the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of The Almighty.**

Leader: God gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle
and put the deeps in storehouses.

**People: Let all the earth fear the Holy One, let all the inhabitants
of the world stand in awe of God!**

Leader: God looks down from heaven, he sees all the peoples;
from the divine throne God looks forth on all the inhabitants
of the earth.

People: God fashions the hearts of us all, and observes all our deeds.

**All: Behold, the eye of the Holy One is on those who fear God,
on those who hope in God's steadfast love.**

Hymn NCH #166 *Immortal Love, Forever Full*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when they are past, like a watch in the night. Yet you have created us in your
image. You cause light to shine on us and in us. We come, seeking your guidance.
Open our hearts, we pray, to the goodness of all your creation. Come, Holy Spirit,
enter us all as we offer ourselves to you in silence...

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 12:1-9; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

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 #24 *The God of Abram Praise*

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 gifts of time, talent and treasure not knowing what you will make of us. Inspire us, each and all, to join the goodness you are creating. All this we pray in Christ. Amen

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not lived the lives of which we are capable. We have gifts that we have not used, and gifts we have misused. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have turned our backs on our sisters and brothers in need, and in doing so, shut the doors of our hearts to the love you offer them through us. Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse and renew our hearts, that we might resume the path of discipleship with courage, strength and endurance, even as we offer you the silent confessions of our hearts...

Words of Assurance

Invitation

Communion Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, we now dedicate these elements to become sacraments of ministry, signs of your work and witness among us. Do bless this bread and this fruit, and in the common sharing of them bless us all by the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. In this meal we remember Christ's sacrifice and his call that we also might serve. We embrace each other along his pathways, and we look with hope for the transformation of the world in his love. May we, your servant community, become ourselves bread for the journey and fruit for the spirit among all peoples and powers of the earth. Amen.

Communion Hymn NCH #23 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

We give thanks, O Lord of Life, that you have refreshed us at your table and refashioned us in your hope for community. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us into the world as Christ's witnesses with courage and in peace. All this we pray in the name of your son, our friend and teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn TWC #532 *Be Thou My Vision*

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: Mike and Cynthia Brodeur
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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

Today's altar flowers are given by Ellie Shaw.

On the cover: *The Vision of the Lord Directing Abram to Count the Stars*, Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (1860), German