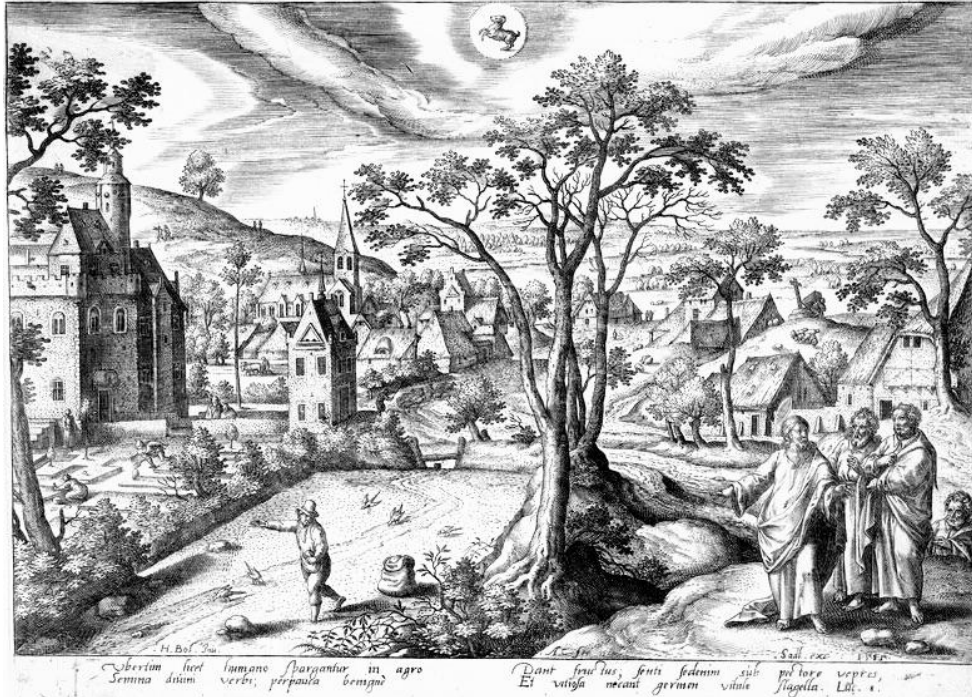


The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

July 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



*Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward heaven,
it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.*

— St. Therese of Lisieux

*Sometimes you find yourself so grateful that a prayer of yours
was not answered that you pray that it be ignored.*

Just in case it is on the waiting list of prayers to be answered.

— Mokokoma Mokhonoana

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Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship: (Based on Psalm 65)

Leader: Praise God, in the sanctuary.
Our God keeps promises to the faithful.

**People: You who answers prayers,
to you all flesh shall come.**

Leader: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.

**People: Happy are those whom you choose,
and bring near to live in your light.**

Leader: We shall be satisfied with the goodness
of your house, your holy temple.

**All: By awesome deeds you answer us
with deliverance, God of our salvation.
You are the hope of all the ends of the earth.
By your strength you established the mountains.
You are girded with might.**

Hymn TWC #362 *Morning Has Broken*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

Loving and surprising Creator, even though you are always near, we yearn to feel your presence. We seek to know your love, your justice, and your will. Our sin obscures that knowledge. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We love ourselves poorly and place our desires above the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray. Give us courage to live renewed lives. We now open our hearts 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: Isaiah 55:10-13; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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 #303 *Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing*

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 giving us so much that we may give. Bless our offering and all who give of time, talent and treasure. Inspire us by your wisdom to employ these gifts faithfully in your service. 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

Usher and Greeter: Ann Looney

Lay reader: Bob Rhodes

Music Director: Anna Dunn

Zoom Director: Paul Looney

Deacon of the Month: Ann Looney

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Please pray for:

Dean Prentiss, Bill Sudsbury, Dave Adams,
Linda Graff, and Bob Rhodes

Prayers for our sister church in Zimbabwe

Members living in retirement homes:
Becky Hubbard and Carol Lamp