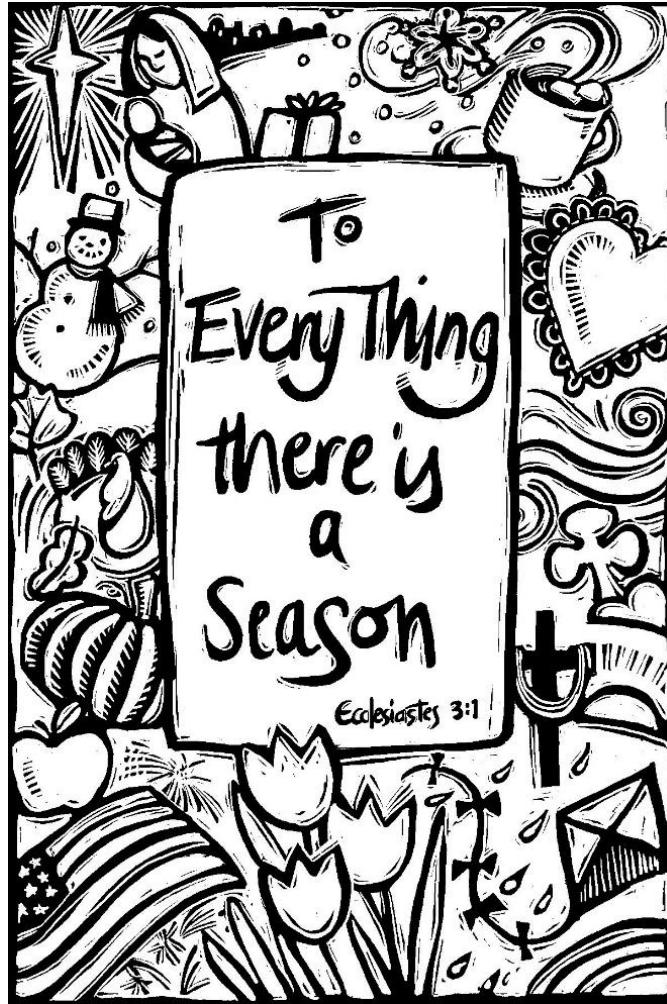


The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

August 30, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



15 Washington Street Walpole, New Hampshire
www.walpolenhucc.org

Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Wake up! This is the day the Holy One has made!

People: We shake off our sleep and step into wonder!

Leader: Look around you — creation is shouting with color,
the sky is wide open, and God is not finished with any of us yet!

People: We come ready to sing, ready to listen, ready to be surprised!

Leader: So, lift your voice, lift your heart, lift your whole self!

All: Let us worship God with everything we've got!

Hymn TWC #362 *Morning Has Broken*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we come to you in a season of change, uncertain of what's ahead but trusting you are already there. Help us set down our worry for this hour. Open our hearts to your presence and to each other. Where we've resisted what's shifting, soften us. Where we've held too tightly to what's passing, loosen our grip. We ask this trusting in your steady presence. Amen.

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

Melissa O'Brien

Joys and Concerns

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Scripture Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Sermon

Melissa O'Brien

Hymn TWC #532 *Be Thou My Vision*

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

Melissa O'Brien

Benediction

Go now, trusting the seasons of your life to the God who holds them all — the planting and the harvesting, the letting go and the taking hold. Go in peace, carrying enough faith for this day. And may the God of every season go with you, now and always. Amen.

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

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Zoom Director: Paul Looney

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Please pray for:

Bill Sudsbury, Linda Graff, Bob Rhodes and Jim Smolnik

Prayers for our sister church in Zimbabwe

Members living in retirement homes: Becky Hubbard and Carol Lamp

