

The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

Sept. 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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

Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing and rejoice! The Lord reaches out to you with healing love!

People: The Lord is our strength and our power!

Leader: Dance before the Lord, a dance of joy and hope!

People: The Lord brings us joy and lifts us up in hope.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

People: Let us celebrate the good news God brings to us each day.

Hymn NCH# 478 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

God who calls, it is you who gathers us together and forms us into a community. It is you who makes us uniquely individual and who designs us for companionship. As we journey together this day in your presence reminded of our interdependence with one another. Too often we withhold forgiveness in our desire to appear strong and independent. But your desire is for our communion with each other and with you. May we see your glory and be inspired to demonstrate your goodness, care and forgiveness through our lives. 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

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Amen

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21 and Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSV)

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

Rev. Ruth Gallot

Hymn TWC #502 *Amazing Grace*

Call to Offering

Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above the heavenly host

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Amen

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Giving God, all we are and all we have come from you. We offer back to you what has always been yours. As you have entrusted your gifts to us, we return these gifts to you, trusting that you will multiply them to the great glory of your realm on earth. All this we pray through Jesus who gave the totality of his life for us. Amen.

Hymn TWC #471 *Nothing But The Blood of Jesus*

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

Ushers and Greeters: John and Deb McCollister

Lay reader: Deb McCollister

Music Director: Anna Dunn

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Deacon of the Month: Kathy Yardley

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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