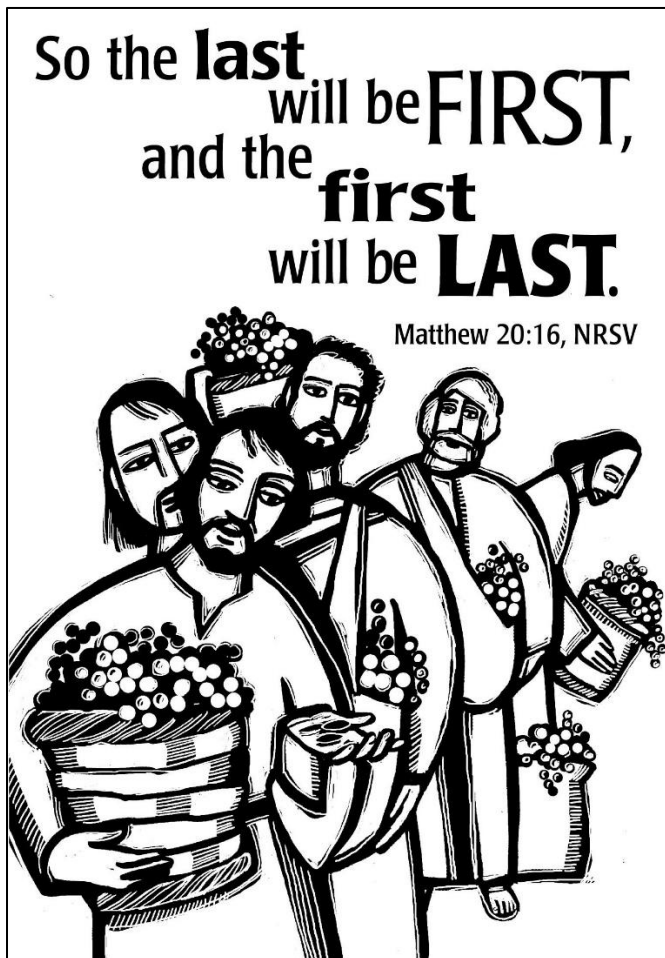


The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

Sept. 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



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

Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is righteous in all his ways;

People: He is holy in all his deeds.

Leader: The Lord is close to all who call him;

People: He is close to all who call on him in sincerity.

Leader: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

People: He hears their cry and he saves them.

Leader: The Lord keeps watch over all who love him;

People: Let my mouth speak the praise of the Lord!

Hymn NCH# 12 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we have turned away from your ways. We have followed our own desires, ignored the needs of others, and fallen short of who you call us to be. Our distracted minds drown out your voice. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Heal our brokenness and renew a right spirit within us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Amen

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

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 “Jealousy”

Rev. Patrick McLoud

Hymn NCH #493 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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)

Gracious God, please accept what we offer to you today. Bless and transform both us and our gifts, that our church may be a beacon of light for our community. Amen.

Hymn NCH #525 *This Little Light of Mine*

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: Deb McCollister and Ann Looney

Lay reader: Betty Prentiss

Music Director: Anna Dunn

Zoom Director: Paul Looney

Deacon of the Month: Kathy Yardley

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Please pray for:

Bill Sudsbury, Linda Graff, Bob Rhodes, Lester Phillips,
Dave Adams, Jim Smolnik, and Glen Sibley.

Prayers for our sister church in Zimbabwe

Members living in retirement homes:

Becky Hubbard, Carol Lamp, Janet Martin, Judy Daniels,
Shirley Byczkowski and Fred Dill

REMINDER: October Parish Visitor articles are due by Wed., Sept. 23rd.