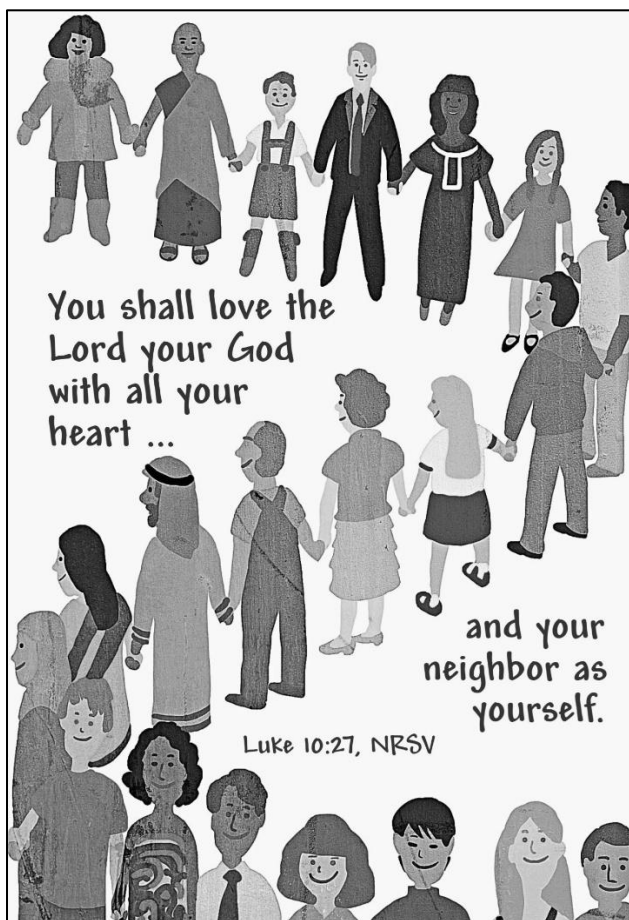


The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

Oct. 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



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

Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn *Wake Now My Senses* (see insert)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you**

Opening Blessing

God of all creation, we gather in wonder at the life we have been given. You are present beyond our understanding; we come with faith, questions, and the freedom to bring both. Through music, silence, and speech, deepen our attention. Give us the pleasure of discovery and the courage to think again. May this hour enlarge our understanding and sharpen our attention to one another. Amen.

Children's Time

Joys and Concerns followed by the Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Scripture Lesson: Luke 10:25-37, The Parable of The Good Samaritan

Sermon *"The Person in Front of You"*

Musical Response – (Instrumental)

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

God, the earth and its abundance are yours. We give from what we have received, joining our resources to the work of this congregation. Put these gifts to use in hospitality, learning, and service. Give us wisdom in our stewardship and imagination in our generosity. Amen.

Closing Hymn *So We Go* (see insert)

Benediction

What we have considered here matters beyond this room. Pay attention to the person in front of you. Resist the habits that make another person easy to dismiss. Let curiosity be stronger than certainty and compassion stronger than distance. Go in peace, awake to one another and to the life of God in the world. 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

Interim Minister: Melissa O'Brien

Ushers and Greeters: John and Deb McCollister

Lay reader: Deb McCollister

Music Director: Anna Dunn

Zoom Director: Paul Looney

Deacon of the Month: Deb McCollister

Please pray for:

Bill Sudsbury, Linda Graff, Bob Rhodes, Howard Jenks and Jim Smolnik

Our sister church in Zimbabwe

Members living in retirement homes:

Becky Hubbard, Janet Martin, Judy Daniels, Shirley Byczowski, and Carol Lamp

Altar flowers today are given by Ann and Paul Looney

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