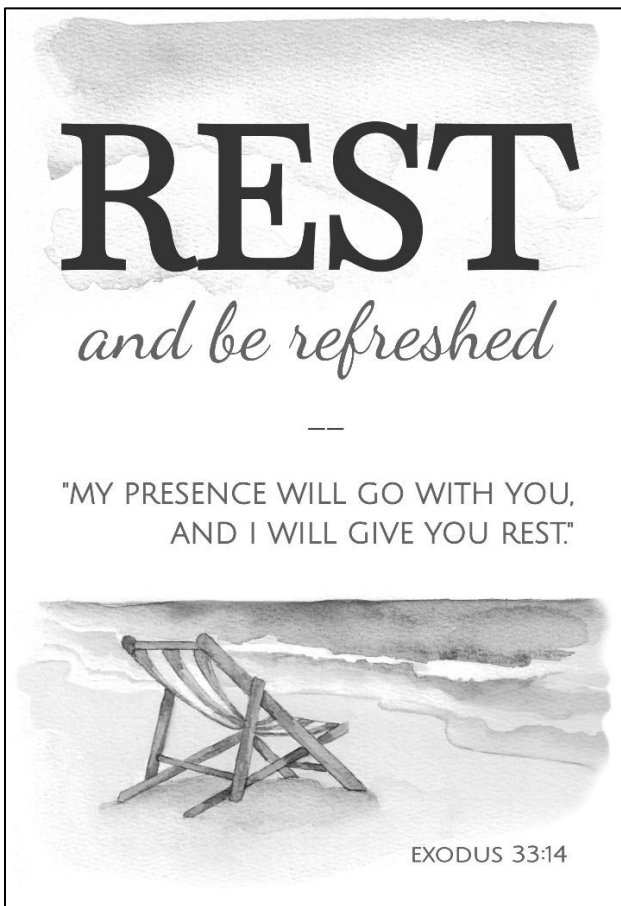


The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

October 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost



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

Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 96)

Leader: O sing a new song to the Lord;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: O sing to the Lord; bless his name.

People: Proclaim his salvation day by day.

Leader: Bring an offering and enter his courts;

People: Worship the Lord in holy splendour!

Hymn NCH# 4 *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal and boundless in love.

Yet, we often fail to see you in our lives. Sometimes we are ashamed to admit that we love you. Sometimes, fear keeps us from proclaiming your truth.

Sometimes, we give in to despair, forgetting your power to save. Dearest God, remind us again of your presence in us and near us. Help us to live honestly, act courageously and speak aloud our faith. 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: Exodus 33:12-23

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 “*The Name*”

Rev. Patrick McCloud

Hymn NCH #275 “*Come Now, Almighty God*”

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)

God of heaven and earth, everything we have comes from you. Today we give back to you part of the many blessings you have sent to us. May our offerings make a difference in the lives of others, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Hymn NCH #473 *"Blessed Assurance"*

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: Becky Pearson and Deb Dupell

Lay reader: Bob Rhodes

Music Director: Anna Dunn

Zoom Director: Paul Looney

Deacon of the Month: Deb McCollister

Altar flowers today are given by Ellie Shaw.

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

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