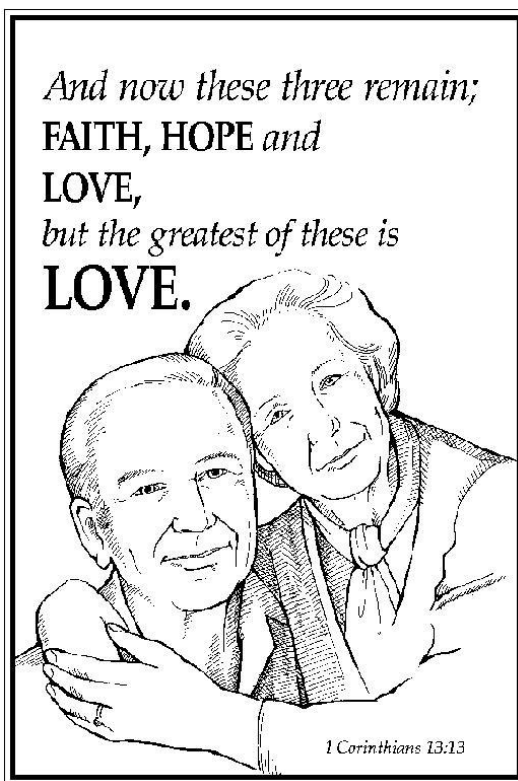


The First Congregational Church

United Church of Christ, 15 Washington Street, Walpole, NH

www.walpolenhucc.org

October 25, 2026, 10:00 a.m.



*"October is the month for painted leaves.
Their rich glow now flashes round the world."*

Henry David Thoreau

With music by Mason Daring

Prelude – Mason Daring

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Blessing

God of every season, Spirit of Life and Love, known by many names, thank you for this October morning and for the chance to gather. We come from different places, carrying different stories, questions, and understandings of the holy. Yet we are joined by something greater than all that separates us: our common humanity, our need to belong, and our capacity to love. Bless this gathering. Open our hearts to one another, remind us of the sacred worth of every person, and help us recognize the holy in the ordinary moments of our lives. Amen.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

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

Melissa Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4–8, 13 “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.” **With words on love.**

Song: “Too Much” Mason Daring

Offering: “Harvest Moon” Mason Daring

Doxology

Blessing

God of the harvest, you have given us more than we need. We return a portion with thanks. Use our gifts well, and use our gift in this world, too. Amen.

Melissa: Words on The Longing for Home

Song: “Blue Bayou” Mason Daring

Benediction

We have shared the blessing of music, what a gift! May we know this ending as more than a time of goodbye. May the warmth of this community and the memory of our morning sustain our hearts and encourage our minds, as we engage the blessings of life’s challenges and joys.

The service has ended. Our service in the world begins.

Go in peace. Go in joy. Go in love.

Circle up and sing:

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.

All are invited to sing the chorus with Mason

Postlude

Altar flowers today are given by Deb McCollister

Interim Minister: Melissa O'Brien
Ushers and Greeters: Don and Jana Sellarole
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,
Shirley DeCoste and Jim Smolnik

Our sister church in Zimbabwe

Members living in retirement homes:

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

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