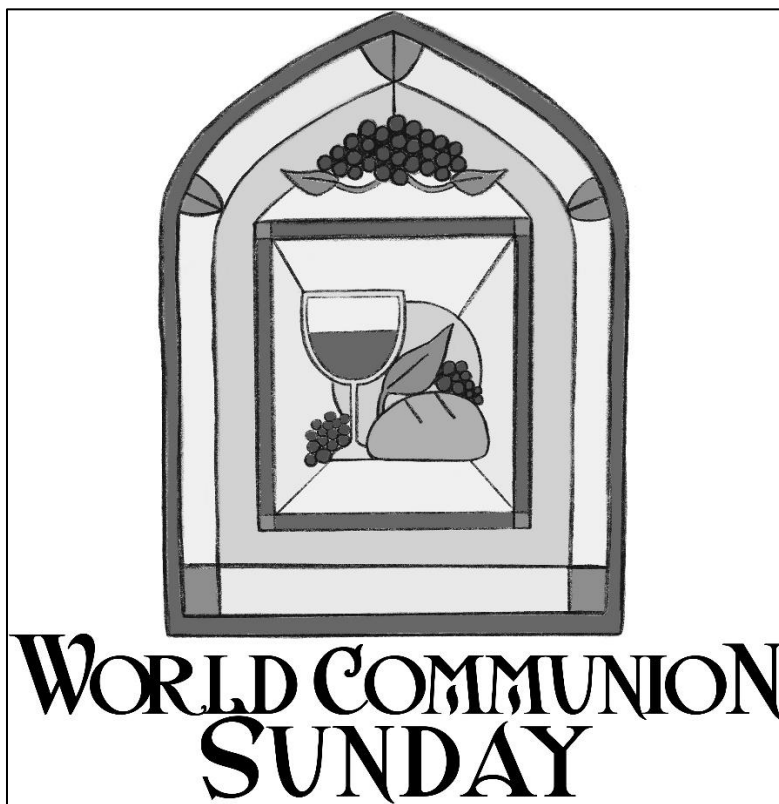


The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

Oct. 4, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

World Communion Sunday



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

Gathering Music / Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn TWC #376 *We Gather Together*

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you**

Opening Blessing: “And the Table Will Be Wide” — Jan Richardson
read by Deb McCollister

Children’s Time

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

Scripture Lesson: Luke 14:15-24 read by Ellie Shaw

Sermon

Musical Response: Instrumental, *All You Need is Love*

Communion Sharing (unison)

God of grace, we come to this table as we are. We bring our gratitude and our need, our hope and our weariness, our joy and our sorrow. Make us one in this meal. Open our hearts to one another. Remind us that we are loved, that we belong, and that there is always room at your table. Amen.

Call to Offering

Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn NCH #476 *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

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

Interim Minister: Melissa O'Brien

Ushers and Greeters: John McCollister and Linda Wright

Lay reader: Ellie Shaw

Music Director: Anna Dunn

Zoom Director: Paul Looney

Deacon of the Month: Deb McCollister

Altar flowers today are given by Minna Good

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, Janet Martin and Carol Lamp

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