The First Congregational Church

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

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November 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m.



Theme: Gratitude, Thanksgiving, and the Oneness of All Life

Special Musical Guest: Tom Ragland

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Poem "Thanksgiving" – Ella Wheeler Wilcox (Read by Ellie Shaw)

Opening Song: *"Sisters and Brothers"* sung by Tom Ragland

Passing of The Peace

Children's Time

Joys and Concerns w/The Lord's Prayer

The Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address/Greetings to the Natural World

"Our Minds Are One" – Original song by Tom Ragland

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Sermon

Offering: "*Walking Each Other Home"* sung by Tom Ragland

Doxology and Blessing

Benediction

Values Prayer, after Saint Francis by Christopher Buice

Make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is indifference may we bring justice.
Where there is selfishness may we bring equity.
Where there is stagnation may we bring transformation.
Where there is homogeneity may we bring pluralism.
Where there is isolation may we bring interdependence.
Where there is greed may we bring generosity.
And where there is hatred may we bring love.
Make us instruments of your peace with love at the center of everything we do.

Closing Song: *This Little Light of Mine*

Closing Circle

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: Becky Pearson and Kathy Yardley
Scripture Reader: Ellie Shaw
Music Director: Anna Dunn
Zoom Director: Linda Wright
Deacon of the Month: Linda Wright

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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