

First Congregational Church of Wakefield

United Church of Christ

Gathered 1785



*We are an Open and Affirming congregation.
No matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*



**“A girl should be two things. Who and what she wants”
Coco Chanel**

March 15th, 2026

Minister—Rev. Dr. James L. Mills, Sr.

Sunday Deacons—Gail Feddern & Anne Palmariello

Greeters—Jeff Hebert, Linda Messer, Nancy & Jeff Perkins

Tech Team—Kaylee Fogg, Nathan Fogg,
Frank Frazier, Morgan Gehring, Carol Jeffery,
Mjo McCarthy & Barry Truhn

Organists—Cindy Eggleston & Beverly Woods
Voice Choir Director—Cindy Eggleston
Bell Choir Director—Kevin Connell
Guitarist—Buddy Dee

Welcome to Sunday Worship!

(* Please stand if able. Bold content is read in unison.)

Introit & Candle Lighting Greeting & Reply

***Opening Hymn** (*see screen*) “He Lives” HFG #299

***Call to Worship**

One: We remember Eve,

Many: the figure of original love, not original sin.

One: We remember Sarah & Hagar,

Many: abandoned by their husband but saved by God.

One: We remember Deborah,

Many: an exemplary leader and teacher.

One: We remember Esther,

Many: The Savior of her people, the protector of immigrants;

One: We remember Mary,

Many: who witnessed the birth, death & resurrection of her son.

One: We remember Martha & Mary,

Many: demonstrating how to serve God and God’s people.

One: We remember and celebrate the lives of all women who have lived and continue to live. a life of service to her community and God,

Many: As we remember let us praise and worship the God the one who makes our lives possible.

The Scripture Readings (*see insert or screen*)

Harriet Wilson

Hebrew Reading: 1st Samuel 16:1-6, 10-13 (*NRSV*)

Gospel Reading: John 9: 1-11 (*NRSV*)

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Special Music (*see screen*) “Unicorn Song” *Buddy Dee & Kaylee Fogg*

Passing the Peace of Christ (*if you feel comfortable doing so*)

***Singing of The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our Debts (Trespasses), as we forgive our Debtors (Trespass) against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Announcements

Offering

Voice Choir Offertory Anthem "Shines the Light" by Susan & Lee Dengler

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

***Sermonic Hymn** (*see screen*) "Great is Thy Faithfulness" HFG #98

Message Kept by the Promises of God.

Revelation 3:7-12 (*see screen*)

⁷"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens:" ⁸I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you (in) the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. ¹¹I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.

Responding to God's Word Video (*see screen*)

"Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude





*Please join us for a wonderful coffee hour
downstairs after service.
ALL ARE WELCOME!*



****HAPPENINGS & REMINDERS****

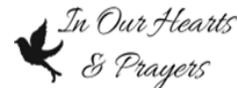
- **The Print Directory is being updated now, please email churchoffice@fccwakefieldnh.org by 3/15 if you have any updates to your info or would like to be added or removed.**
 - **LAST CALL - EASTER FLOWER ORDERS are due 3/16!**
 - **The choir is taking Hymn Requests, please place them in the collection plate.**
 - **Evening Bible Study with Rev is on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays! All Welcome!**
 - **Please let Ken Ballinger know if someone would like a Home Communion Visitation.**

*****See Steeple Views & Happenings Emails for Updates & Details*****

- CareGivers Support Group: 1st & 3rd Mon @ 9:30 am
- Finance Ministry Meeting: 3rd Mon @ 1 pm
 - Adult Faith Formation: Tues @ noon
 - Ukulele Club: 2nd & 4th Tues @ 6 pm
 - Chair Yoga w/ Pam: Wed @ 10 am
 - Diaconate Meeting: 1st Wed @ 5 pm
- End 68 Hours of Hunger Volunteer Meeting: Thurs @ 10 am
 - Evening Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Thurs @ 5:30 pm
 - Outreach Meeting: 2nd Thurs @ noon
 - Parish Helper's Meeting: 2nd Thurs @ 1 pm
 - BLPOA Meeting: 2nd Thurs @ 6 pm
- Leadership Council Meeting: 3/15 after fellowship

Prayers

Sara M, Gerard B, Lois B, Nancy B, Brian T, Cindy E, Our UCC Sister Church in Zimbabwe, Richwood, LA Detainees: Pastor Ruzana, Mila, Mostafah, Arezo, Matisa, Rosa, Sophie, Somaya, Mahsa, Flore and the many who's names we do not yet know.



Credits

1. Our songs are covered under our music license, One License #742268-A
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3. "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth, <https://youtu.be/oTa8Xul7toY?si=alXpgLUWmVh9MKKM>



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