

First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, June 14th, 2026  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
LGBTQIA + Pride Month

We are an Inclusive Faith Community.  
All Are Welcomed and All Really Means ALL!



"Not everything that is faced can be changed,  
but nothing can be changed unless faced."

-James Baldwin

Senior Pastor—Rev. Dr. James L. Mills, Sr.  
Sunday Deacons—Ken Ballinger & Harriet Wilson  
Greeters—Jeff Hebert, Linda Messer, Nancy & Jeff Perkins  
Tech Team—Donna Ackerman, Kaylee Fogg, Nathan Fogg,  
Carol Jeffery & Barry Truhn  
Organists—Cindy Eggleston & Beverly Woods  
Voice Choir Director—Cindy Eggleston  
Bell Choir Director—Kevin Connell  
Guitarist—Buddy Dee  
Exterior/Interior Floral Décor - Rachel White

## **Welcome to Sunday Worship!**

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

**Greeting & Reply**  
**Introit & Candle Lighting**

**\*Opening Hymn** (*see screen*) “Leaning on the Everlasting Arm” HFG #87

**\*Call to Worship**

One: God is calling us.

**Many: Out of the places we hide!**

One: Out of insecurity!

**Many: Out of shame!**

One: Out from under which silences love and justice.

**Many: Come out, people of God!**

One: Though we may be afraid and feel at risk!

**Many: God calls us to courage!**

**The Scripture Readings** (*see insert or screen*) *Ann Bilodeau*

Hebrew Reading: **Exodus 19: 2-8a** (*NRSV*)

Gospel Reading: **Mark 5:1-9** (*NRSV*)

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Invocation**

**Special Music Video from Mount Selinda**

**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 as we forgive our Debtors. 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** “What I Have I Will Give Thee”  
by Mark Patterson

### \*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*) “Blessed Assurance” HFG #67

**Message** This is My Story; What’s your Story?

**Mark 5:15-20** (*see screen*)

**They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup> Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. <sup>17</sup> Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. <sup>18</sup> As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup> But Jesus refused, and said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.” <sup>20</sup> And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.**

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

“Deep Peace” by John Rutter

### Prayers of the People

### Benediction

### Postlude





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



**\*\*HAPPENINGS & REMINDERS\*\***

- **6/20 PKZ Pancake Breakfast & Gold Fundraiser!**
  - **6/28 FCCW ANNUAL MEETING taking place after service  
(PLEASE NOTE: there will be no coffee hour)!**
  - **THE PARISH HELPERS TREASURE SHOP is now open  
Wednesdays & Saturdays from 9am – 12pm!**
  - **HYMN REQUESTS are needed and can be placed in the offering plates!**
- \*\*\*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 (*summer pause after 6/16*)
  - 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 (*summer pause*)
  - Outreach Meeting: 2nd Thurs @ 11 am
  - Parish Helper's Meeting: 2nd Thurs @ 1 pm
  - BLPOA Meeting: 2nd Thurs @ 6 pm
  - Leadership Council Meeting: tba

**Prayers**

Jan S, Sara M, Gerard B, Lois B, Nancy B, Brian T, Cindy E, Our UCC Sister Church in Zimbabwe, Richwood  
LA Detainees:  
Rosa Motamednia- Iran  
Arezoo Mostafavi- Iran  
Brkti Zerabouk Kahsay- Ethiopia  
Selam Gebre Haile- Eritrea  
Haben Haile- Eritrea - 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
2. Graphics: churchart.com
3. Responding to God's Word Video: "Deep Peace" by John Rutter, [https://youtu.be/Eve2y-P-Zjk?si=-Jbiy\\_jFxFxO01MZ](https://youtu.be/Eve2y-P-Zjk?si=-Jbiy_jFxFxO01MZ)



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