

First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, July 12th, 2026  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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



"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." - Henry Ford

Senior Pastor—Rev. Dr. James L. Mills, Sr.  
Sunday Deacons—Ken Ballinger & Ginny Schweitzer  
Greeters—Jeff Hebert, Linda Messer, Nancy & Jeff Perkins  
Tech Team—Donna Ackerman, Gloria Ballinger, 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*) “Blessed Assurance” HFG #67

### **\*Call to Worship**

One: We gather on a day like any other day.

**Many: We gather on a day unlike any other day.**

One: Come, brothers and sisters in Christ, touch and feel and taste and smell the sacred in this day.

**Many: For this is the day which our Creator God has made; Let us rejoice and be oh, so glad, in it!**

One: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**Many: The Holy One remembers the covenant forever; the word it commanded, for a thousand generations.**

One: Glory in your holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Many: That they might keep the Lord’s precepts and observe the laws. Praise the Lord.**

### **The Scripture Readings** (*see insert or screen*)

*Margie Galabrun*

Hebrew Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13 (*NRSV*)

Gospel Reading: Acts 10:1-8 (*NRSV*)

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Invocation**

**Favorite Hymn** (*seated sing-a-long*) “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”  
HFG #677 vs 1, 2 & 4

**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** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”  
by Tom Colvin, Arr by Steven Strite

## \*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*) “Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior” HFG #416

**Message** “You are Meant to Shine”

**Acts 10:9-17** (*see screen*)

**<sup>9</sup> About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. <sup>10</sup> He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. <sup>11</sup> He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. <sup>12</sup> In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup> Then he heard a voice saying, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” <sup>14</sup> But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.” <sup>15</sup> The voice said to him again, a second time, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” <sup>16</sup> This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. <sup>17</sup> Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon’s house and were standing by the gate.**

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

“Benediction” by Selah

## Prayers of the People

**Benediction**

**Postlude**





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



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

- *7/20-7/24 from 9-noon, FCCW FREE Kid's Music Camp!  
Registration closes 7/17!*
- *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*)
  - 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 (*summer pause*)
- 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.



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1. Our songs are covered under our music license, One License #742268-A
2. Graphics: churchart.com
3. Responding to God's Word Video: "Benediction" by Selah, [https://youtu.be/NWIV\\_grvCG8?is=1BENmchz5IxcNucq](https://youtu.be/NWIV_grvCG8?is=1BENmchz5IxcNucq)



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