

First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH
United Church of Christ

Sunday, July 19th, 2026
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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



"You can also commit injustice by doing nothing"
Marcus Aurelius

Senior Pastor—Rev. Dr. James L. Mills, Sr.
Sunday Deacons—Gail Feddern & Evy Truhn
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)* “Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah” HFG #608

***Call to Worship**

One: We are blessed,

All: when what we treasure most is not based on wealth or possessions.

One: We are blessed,

All: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

One: We are blessed,

All: when our pain is lovingly and compassionately held.

One: We are blessed,

All: when our greatest joy comes from beyond ourselves.

One: We are blessed,

All: when we can gather together in worship.

One: So, as we gather here, let us worship God knowing we are blessed.

The Scripture Readings *(see insert or screen)*

Ann Bilodeau

Hebrew Reading: Genesis 28:10-19 *(NRSV)*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30;36-43 *(NRSV)*

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Choir Special Music

“This is My Father’s World”

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

Bell Choir Offertory Anthem “Hymn of Promise”

Composed by Natalie Sleeth and arranged by Martha Lynn Thompson

Accompanied by Cindy Eggleston on piano and Gloria Ballinger on vocals

*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) “How Great Thou Art”

HFG #2, vs. 1,3 & 4, refrain 2x after vs. 4

Message “LiMu Emu & Doug: God Has You Covered”

Psalm 32:1-5 (see screen)

Happy (Blessed) are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit. ³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

Responding to God’s Word Video (see screen)

“I Will Praise You in the Storm” by Casting Crowns

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude





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



****HAPPENINGS & REMINDERS****

➤ **7/26 MUSIC CAMP SUNDAY WORSHIP**



➤ **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!**

➤ **8/8 Parish Helpers Fair**

➤ **8/9 Harriet Wilson's 80th Birthday Party 1-6pm**

➤ **8/29 FCCW Yard Sale**

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

- CareGivers Support Group: 1st & 3rd Mon @ 9:30 am (*MC week pause*)
 - 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 (*MC week pause*)
 - 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: 7/19

Prayers

Jan S, Gerard B, Lois B, Nancy B, Brian T, Cindy E, Our UCC Sister Church in Zimbabwe, Richwood LA Detainees:
Arezoo Mostafavi- Iran
Brkti Zerabouk Kahsay- Ethiopia
Selam Gebre Haile- Eritrea
Haben Haile- Eritrea - and the many who's names we do not yet



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: "I Will Praise You in the Storm" by Casting Crowns
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dB4eC55dh-U>



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