

First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH  
United Church of Christ

Sunday, July 5th, 2026  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup>  
Communion Sunday

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



"Moses was the greatest legislator and the commander in chief of  
perhaps the first liberation army" - Elie Wiesel

Senior Pastor—Rev. Dr. James L. Mills, Sr.  
Sunday Deacons—Evy Truhn & Jo Szirbik  
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)* “Revive Us Again” HFG #574, vs. 1, 2&4

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

One: Freedom is coming!

**Many: We can hear it in the voices of the oppressed.**

One: Hope is coming!

**Many: We can see it in the eyes of all those who despair**

One: God is here!

**Many: We count on God’s presence with us, to guide, heal and uplift our spirits.**

One: We are here!

**Many: To worship our God with unified voices and hearts.**

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

Hebrew Reading: Psalm 145:8-14 *(NRSV)*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 *(NRSV)*

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Invocation**

**Special Music Video** *(see screen)* Mt. Selinda Children’s Choir

**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** “In Your Name”

by Marti Lunn & David Lantz III

### **\*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*) “Near the Cross” HFG #254, vs. 1, 2&4

**Message** “We are the Church; E Pluribus Unum: Out of Many One”

**Romans 12:1-5** (*see screen*)

**I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.**

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

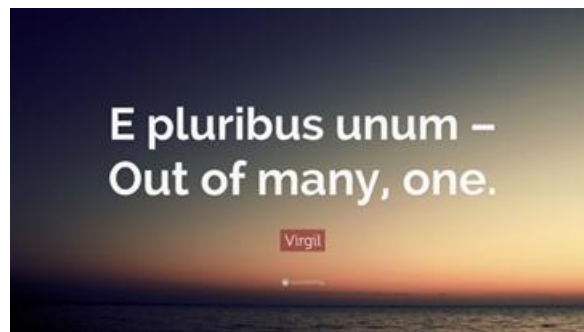
“Take My Yoke Upon You” by Douglas Nolan

**Prayers of the People**

**Service of the Lord’s Supper** (*see insert*)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**





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

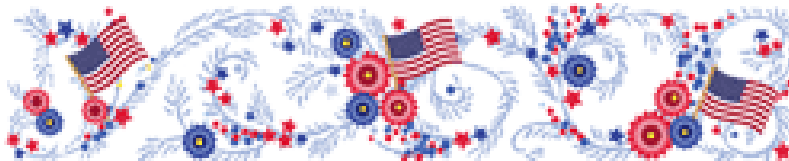


**\*\*HAPPENINGS & REMINDERS\*\***

- **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.



**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: "Take My Yoke Upon You" by Douglas Nolan  
<https://youtu.be/XNqtsBWmlqs?is=seCpUcdBY8uwuZxO>



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