

First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH
United Church of Christ

Sunday, August 16th, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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



"Weak people seek revenge. Strong people forgive.
Intelligent people ignore" ~ Albert Einstein

Guest Ministers — Gloria & Ken Ballinger
Sunday Deacons—Gail Feddern & 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)* “Let Justice Flow Like Streams” NCH #588

***Call to Worship**

One: Look to God when you are afraid.

All: He will strengthen you and help you. He will uphold you with His righteous hand.
(Isaiah 41:10)

One: Look to God when you are filled with worry.

All: When anxiety is great within you, His consolation will bring you joy. *(Psalm 94:19)*

One: Have faith in God.

All: When you are afraid, put your trust in Him. *(Psalm 56:3)*

One: Remember God promises to meet your needs.

All: He will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 4:19)

One: Live in faith each day.

All: Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. *(Matthew 6:34)*

The Scripture Readings *(NRSV – see screen)*

Marilou MacLean

Hebrew Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:22-31

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Special Music “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” by Helen Howarth Lemmel,
sung by Gloria Ballinger & accompanied by Cindy Eggleston

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

***Speaking of The Lord’s Prayer** *(see screen)*

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 “Don’t Worry About Tomorrow” by Pepper Choplin

***Doxology** (*see screen*)

**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*)

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
NCH #547, vs. 1,2 & 4

Sermon Scripture (*read together – see screen*)

Mark 12:28-31

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Message “What Are You Worried About?”

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

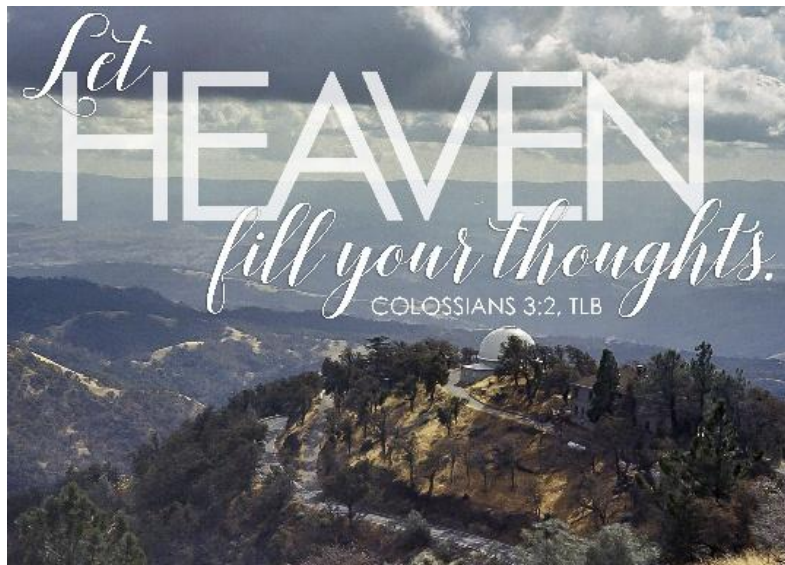
“Be Still and Know” by Steven Curtis Chapman
<https://youtu.be/mejGZ21N9CE?is=uf99UPeRwPuCyc50>

Prayers of the People

Benediction Song

“God Be in My Head” by John Rutter, sung by the Ballingers

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!

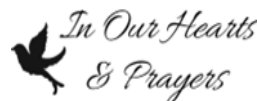
8/29 FCCW Yard Sale! See SV!

*****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

Rev Mills, 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 know.



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