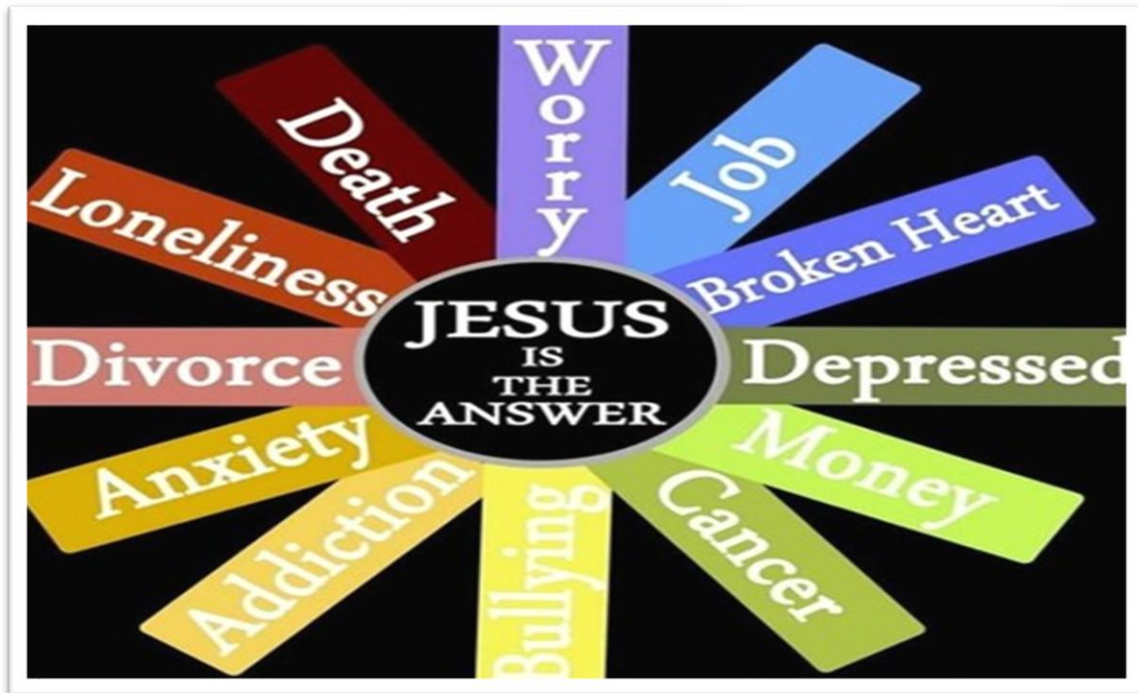


First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH
United Church of Christ

Sunday, September 20th, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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



*"You are not judged by the height you have risen,
but from the depth you have climbed" ~ Frederick Douglas*

Senior Pastor — Rev. Dr. James L. Mills, Sr.
Sunday Deacons—Gail Feddern & Anne Palmariello
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 & Evan McDougal
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)* “Just a Little Talk with Jesus”

***Call to Worship**

One: We are gathered to worship together, full of the joy we feel about

Many: Your faithfulness to the skies.

One: Your righteousness is the like the highest mountains

Many: Your justice like the great deep.

One: You, Lord, preserve both people and nature.

Many: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

One: People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Many: Let us worship and celebrate God’s incredible love!

The Scripture Readings *(NRSVUE – see screen)* *Gloria Ballinger*

Hebrew Reading: Psalm 145:1-8

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Congregational Hymn “Abide with Me” HFG #500

(Choir to lead verse 1, all join verses 3 & 5)

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

***Singing 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 “God of Wonders”

by Hindalong & Byrd, arr by Schrader

***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*) “Tis So Sweet” HFG #91

Message “Evil is in the Air”

Ephesians 6:10-13

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

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

“Clothe Me in Your Grace” Risen Tunes/Christian Worship Song 2025

Prayers of the People

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 still open
Wednesdays & Saturdays from 9am – 12pm!*
- *HYMN REQUESTS are needed and can be placed in the offering plates!*
 - *9/27 SUNDAY FUNDAY (f/k/a Sunday School) Returns!!*
 - *10/1 Evening Bible Study w/ Rev Resumes!*

*****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
 - Ukulele Club: 2nd & 4th Tues @ 6 pm
- End 68 Hours of Hunger Volunteer Meeting: Wed @ 8 am
 - Chair Yoga w/ Pam: Wed @ 10 am
- Evening Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Thurs @ 5:30 pm (*resumes 10/1!*)
 - Outreach Meeting: 2nd Thurs @ 11 am
 - Parish Helper's Meeting: 2nd Thurs @ 1 pm
 - BLPOA Meeting: 2nd Thurs @ 6 pm
 - Sunday School: 2nd & 4th Sun
- Leadership Council Meeting: 3rd Sun following fellowship
 - Diaconate Meeting: 4th Sun @ 11:30

Please
Pray
for...



Pat A, Jan S, Gerard B, Lois B, Nancy B, Brian T, Cindy E, Our UCC Sister Church in Zimbabwe, Richwood LA Detainees: Arezoo Mostafavi, Seyedamin Tabatabaei, Mahsa Dehzad Hamedani, Pouria Nazari, Mina Pourgholi, Brkti Zerabouk Kahsay, Selam Gebre Haile - 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
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3. Responding to God's Word Video: "All of Me" by Selah, <https://youtu.be/WZR8Y19qffM?is=rlCBJB1UgbLftSgu>



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