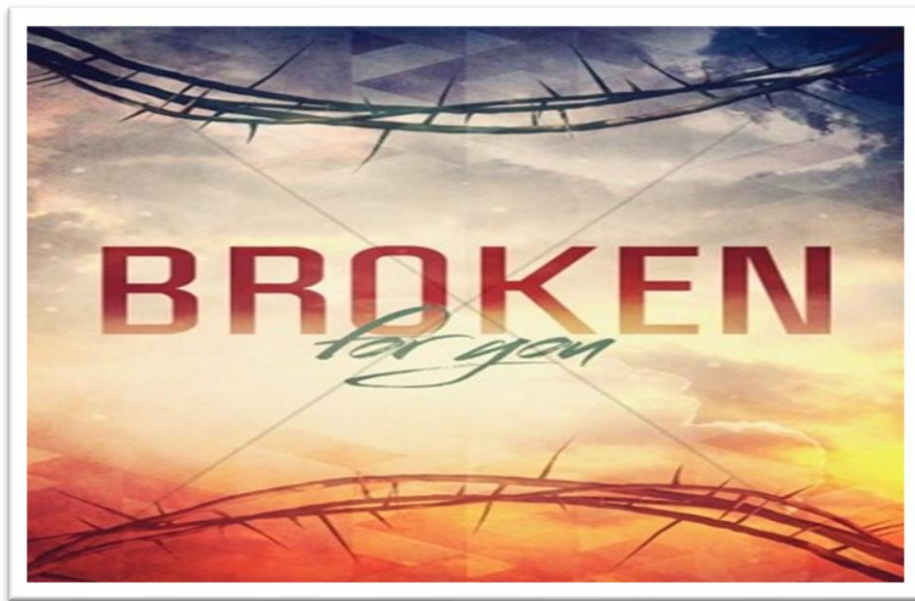


First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH
United Church of Christ

Sunday, September 6th, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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



"We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God."
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Senior Pastor — Rev. Dr. James L. Mills, Sr.
Sunday Deacons—Donna Ackerman, Ginny Schweitzer,
Jo Szirbik, Evy Truhn & Harriet Wilson
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: Let your light shine!

Many: Let our hearts be glad!

One: God is faithful to us, and God rules in love.

Many: For God is love.

One: We know what God desires of us.

Many: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

One: We gather this morning to remind each other about these truths.

**Many: To remember now is always the right time to
do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.**

The Scripture Readings *(NRSVUE – see screen)*

Ken Ballinger

Hebrew Reading: Psalm 149

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Special Presentation *(TBA)*

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 “Did You Think to Pray?” Arranged by Greg Gilpin

***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*) “I Must Tell Jesus” HFG #49, vs. 1-3

Message “Make Room for Jesus: Declutter your Life”

Ephesians 3:16-19

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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

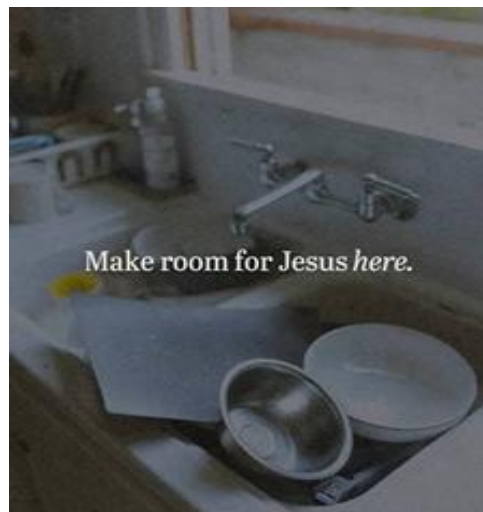
“Light of a Clear Blue Morning” Written by Dolly Parton, sung by USNA Glee Club

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 still open
Wednesdays & Saturdays from 9am – 12pm!**
- **HYMN REQUESTS are needed and can be placed in the offering plates!**
 - **9/27 Sunday School Returns!!**

*****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
 - Chair Yoga w/ Pam: Wed @ 10 am
- End 68 Hours of Hunger Volunteer Meeting: Thurs @ 10 am
- Evening Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Thurs @ 5:30 pm (*restarts 9/17!*)
 - 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
2. Graphics: churchart.com
3. Responding to God's Word Video: "Light of a Clear Blue Morning", written by Dolly Parton, sung by USNA Glee Club, <https://youtu.be/gTLqDQqQVjg?is=yUwZ1dvT3H7-M0AD>



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