

First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH
United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 11th, 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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



“Don’t be pushed around by the fears in your mind.
Be led by the dreams in your heart”- Roy T. Bennett

Senior Pastor — Rev. Dr. James L. Mills, Sr.
Sunday Deacons—Anne Palmariello & 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 & Evan McDougal
Sunday Funday Team—George Ackerman, Buddy Dee & Jo Szirbik
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*) “No Not One” HFG #221 v. 1-3

***Call to Worship**

One: Come, all you people, come and worship.

Many: God has made a covenant with us.

One: We trust in you, O God, for you are faithful.

Many: Show us your ways and teach us your paths.

One: We wait for you.

Many: Lead us in your paths of truth.

One: Do not remember our failures.

Many: Out of your merciful grace, forgive us.

One: You are faithful, O God. Your love is steadfast.

Many: We lift up our souls to you and praise you always.

We come to worship the Lord together!

The Scripture Readings (*NRSVUE – see screen*)

Harriet Wilson

Hebrew Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-10

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Special Music: Favorite Congregational Hymn (*see screen*)

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” HFG #466

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 “Our Lord Reigns” by Stan Pethel & Dave Bolling

***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.**

SUNDAY FUNDAY BEGINS! (*participants please convene downstairs now*)

Sermonic Hymn (*see screen*) “Blessed Assurance” HFG #67

Message “Shaking Under our Feet: The Ground is Shifting”

Haggai 2:1-7

In the second year of King Darius, ¹ in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ² Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, ³ Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴ Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, ⁵ according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶ For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; ⁷ and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts.

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

“Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” by Audrey Assad

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude

**shifting
ground**



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



****HAPPENINGS & REMINDERS****

- **10/10 THE PARISH HELPERS TREASURE SHOP CLOSING DAY!!**
- **HYMN REQUESTS are needed and can be placed in the offering plates!**
 - **SUNDAY FUNDAY takes place on the 2nd & 4th Sundays!****
- **EVENING BIBLE STUDY w/ Rev Resumes 1st & 3rd Thursdays!****

***** Sign-up at churchoffice@fccwakefield.org!***

*****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
 - 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 am

Please
Pray
for...



Paul & Carol D, Pat A, Jan S, Gerard B, Lois B, Nancy B, Brian T, Cindy E, Our UCC Sister Church in Zimbabwe, Richwood LA Detainees: Mahsa Dehzadamedani and her husband, Pouria Nazari, Selam Gebre Haile (from 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: "Let Us Break Bread Together", Randall DeBruyn, JourneySongs Third Edition: Volume 27, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Egk-pX_1nHg



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