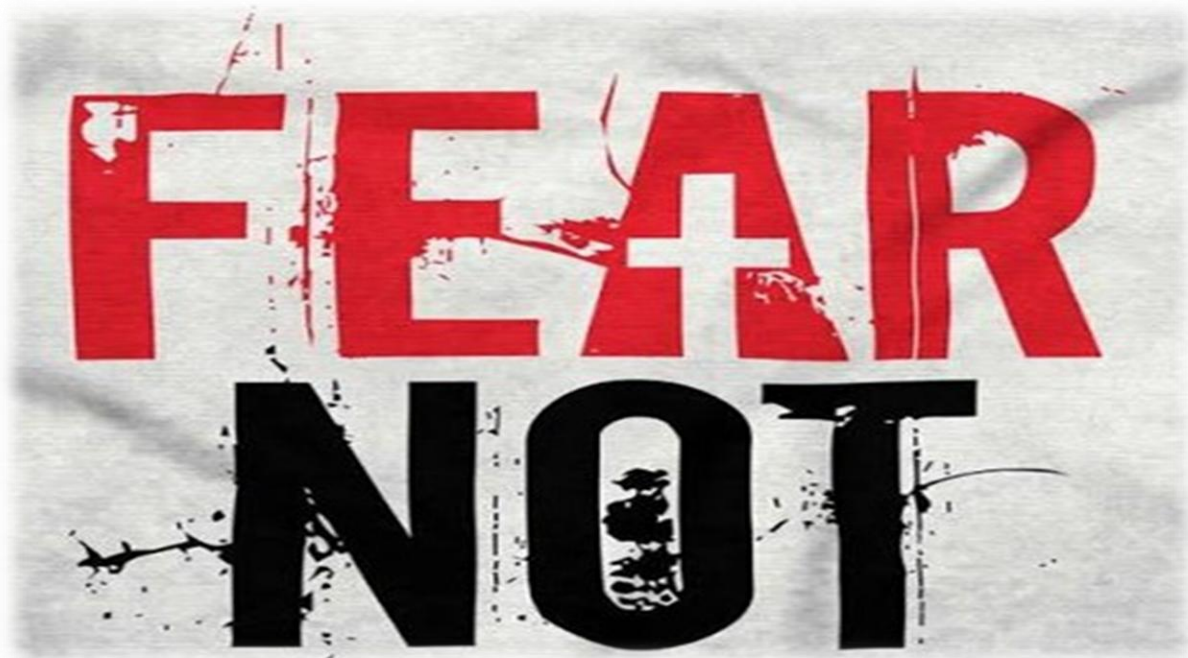


First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH
United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 18th, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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



"Sometimes the heart sees what is invisible to the eye."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Senior Pastor — Rev. Dr. James L. Mills, Sr.
Sunday Deacons—Donna Ackerman & Ken Ballinger
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)* “Standing on the Promises”
Total Praise #386 vs. 1,2&4

***Call to Worship**

One: Come, let us offer praise to the Lord our God, who offers us grace each day.

ALL: We come with our hearts ready to offer praise to the God whose grace we embrace.

One: Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God, for the Lord is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

ALL: The LORD builds us up and gathers the outcasts.

One: God heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds

ALL: The LORD lifts the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

One: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God.

ALL: We happily open our hearts in worship to God, for the Holy One is gracious and worthy!

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

Hebrew Reading: Daniel 12:1-8

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Special Music *(see screen - choir will sing once and congregation to join second time)* “There’s Something About that Name” HFG #227

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 “Feed the Birds”
By Richard and Robert Sherman, Arr. by C. C. Miller

***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! *(participants please convene downstairs now)*

Sermonic Hymn *(see screen)* “Amazing Grace” HFG #107 vs.1,2,4&5

Message “Trusting Amid the Chaos of Shifting Ground”

Daniel 12: 9 & 13

⁹ He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are to remain secret and sealed until the time of the end.

¹³ But you, go your way, and rest; you shall rise for your reward at the end of the days.”

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

“Somewhere Over the Rainbow” by Tommy Emmanuel

Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude





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



****HAPPENINGS & REMINDERS****

- **10/24 PKZ PANCAKE BREAKFAST & JEWELRY FUNDRAISER!**
- **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 takes place on the 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 (*paused*)
 - 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
- CareGivers Support Group w/ Rev: 1st & 3rd Wed @ 9:30 am (*temporarily*)
 - 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: "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Tommy Emmanuel, <https://youtu.be/0cHeNscKZN0?is=avgypumBKarzTkYo>



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