First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH
United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 15th, 2026
Twenty-Fifth 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—Donna Ackerman & Jeff Perkins
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)* "The Church's One Foundation"
NCH #386, vs. 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: Judges 4:1-7
Epistle Reading: 1st Thessalonians 5:1-11
Reader: The Word of God for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Special Music/Favorite Congregational Hymn
(with the voice choir - all are invited to sing)
"My Life Flows on in Endless Song" NCH #476, v. 1,2& 4

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 "Down to the River to Pray"
Arr. by Sheldon Curry

***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.

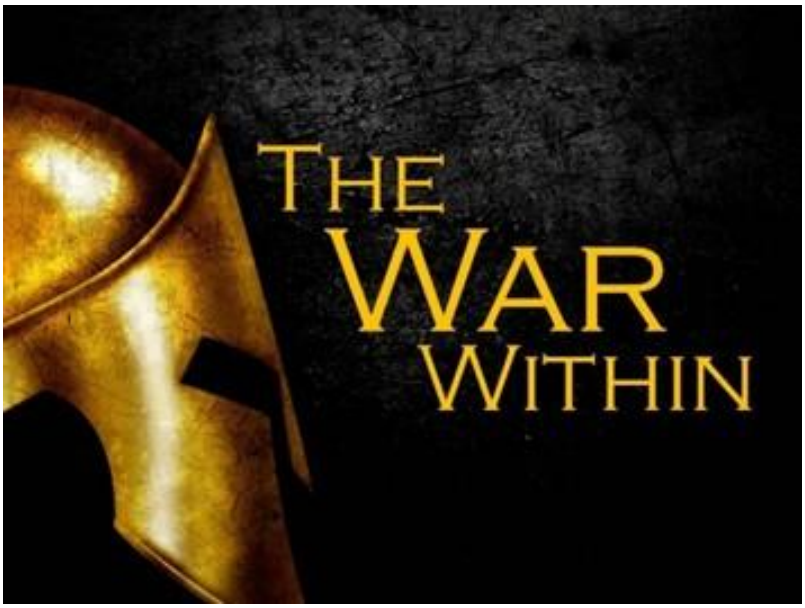
Sermonic Hymn *(see screen)* "I've Got Peace Like a River"
NCH #478, vs. 1-3

Message "The War Within: Our Internal Struggle"
Romans:18-25 *(see screen)*
18 For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. 21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23 but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Responding to God's Word Video (*see screen)*
"Lux Aeternae" by Nimrod & performed by Voces8

Prayers of the People

Benediction
Postlude





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



HAPPENINGS & REMINDERS

- ***11/15 NEW MEMBER CLASSES w/ Rev @ 11:30 (PH Rm)!****
- ***11/18 POINSETTIA ORDERS ARE DUE!***
- ***HYMN REQUESTS are needed and can be placed in the offering plates!***
- ***11/19 EVENING BIBLE STUDY w/ Rev!****
- ***SPIRIT SQUAD SUNDAY takes place on the 2nd & 4th Sundays!****

If you are new to class, sign-up at churchoffice@fccwakefield.org!

*****See Steeple Views & Happenings Emails for Updates & Details*****

- Voice Choir Practice: Mon @ 5:30 pm
- Adult Faith Formation: Tue @ noon
- Ukulele Club: 1st & 4th Tue @ 6 pm
- End 68 Hours of Hunger Volunteer Meeting: Wed @ 8 am
- CareGivers Support Group w/ Rev: 1st & 3rd Wed @ 9:30 am *(New day!)*
- Chair Yoga w/ Pam: Wed @ 10 am
- Evening Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Thur @ 5:30 pm *(Advent pause)*
- Outreach Meeting: 2nd Thur @ 11 am
- Parish Helper's Meeting: 2nd Thur @ 1 pm
- BLPOA Meeting: 2nd Thur @ 6 pm
- Sunday School: 2nd & 4th Sun
- Leadership Council Meeting: 3rd Sun following fellowship
- Diaconate Meeting: 4th Sun @ 11:30 am



Vrante M, Connie L, Paul & Carol D, Jan S, Gerard B, Lois B, Nancy B, Brian T, Cindy E, Our UCC Sister Church in Zimbabwe, Richwood LA Detainees: Mahsa Dehzadhamedani 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: "Lux Aeternae" by Nimrod, Performed by Voces8, https://youtu.be/hKgUxqXoc9M?is=6SXv7gjkKl9eoAIb

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