First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH
United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 22nd, 2026
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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



"Wear gratitude like a cloak,
and it will feed every corner of your life"- Rumi

Senior Pastor – Rev. Dr. James L. Mills, Sr.
Sunday Deacons—Evy Truhn & Ginny Schweitzer
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
Spirit Squad Coordinators—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)* "**Come Thou Fount**" NCH #459

***Call to Worship**
One: Give thanks to the Lord!
Many: Call upon God's name; Make God's deeds known to all people.

One: Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord.
Many: Dwell on God's wondrous works.

One: Give praises to God's holy name!
Many: All those seeking the Lord, let your hearts rejoice!

One: We enter your gates with thanksgiving, and Your courts with praise. We give thanks to You; we bless your holy name.
Many: Let us worship God together!

The Scripture Readings *(NRSVUE – see screen)* *Harriet Wilson*
Hebrew Reading: Psalm 100
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-40
Reader: The Word of God for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Voice Choir Special Music "Give Thanks" by Henry Smith & arr. by Tom Fetke

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 "Lord We Come to Thank You"
by Nancy Price, Don Besig, Arr. by Gary Hallquist

***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.

SPIRIT SQUAD SUNDAY! *(participants please convene downstairs now)*

Sermonic Hymn *(see screen)* "What a Fellowship" HFG #87

Message "I Can See Clearly Now"

Psalm 103:1-5 *(see screen)*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. [2] Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits [3] who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, [4] who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, [5] who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Responding to God's Word Video (*see screen)*
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. by Dan Forrest, Beckenhorstpress

Prayers of the People

Benediction *(see screen)*

Postlude





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



HAPPENINGS & REMINDERS

- ***11/29 First Sunday in Advent & Special Spirit Squad Sunday!***
- ***HYMN REQUESTS are needed and can be placed in the offering plates!***
- ***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 *(new dates!)*
- 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 @ noon
- 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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. by Dan Forrest, Beckenhorstpress https://youtu.be/5bpgmJGkQbs?is=DdFAF7g055AQw5Zt

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