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*Come with hope or despair, expectation, or disappointment,
and seek God even as God seeks you.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

November 19, 2023

10 a.m.

*Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available—
please ask an usher if you require them.*

Thank you for turning off electronic devices before worship begins.

**Please stand if you are able.*

RINGING THE BELL

9:45 a.m.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Ash Grove / Thanks Be to Thee*

arr. Hopson
arr. Page

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

O Worship the Lord

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*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Serve him with gladness, all the earth.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

All: Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

One: Know that the LORD is God, it is he who made us, and we are his;

All: We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to him; bless his name.

One: For the LORD is good;

All: His steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

***HYMN**

For the fruit of all creation

714

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

O God, we thank you, most of all, that your love has found us, the love that opens our eyes to hope and joy, the love that opens our hearts to people who suffer, the love that bows our heads and bends our knees in gratitude because the love is your gift, given through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME FOR ALL AGES

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Lynn Hall, *Organist*
Nancy Sargent, *Choir Director*
John A. Lacey, *Liturgist*
Rev. Dr. David Henry, *Guest Minister*
Tom MacDonald & Anne Bancroft, *Ushers*
Lois Stevens, *Greeter*
Ruth & Troy Tainter, *Facebook, WDEA & Zoom*
John A. Lacey & Katharine Schrader, *November Deacons*

MASKING IS OPTIONAL IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.

Please respect the space of those who choose to mask.



THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 90 MEALS ON NOVEMBER 15.

We are not serving a meal on November 22.

We regret any inconvenience.

Our purpose,
First Congregational Church, UCC, Ellsworth, Maine:
To embrace the life, ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ
In meaningful and dynamic ways through
creative worship,
supportive fellowship,
compassionate outreach, and
stimulating Christian education for all ages;
To be a faithful community which, led by the Holy Spirit,
expresses hospitality,
nurtures spiritual growth, and
promotes a deep sense of belonging;
To strive to build on commonalities while seeking to
understand, accept, and
celebrate our differences;
To stand as a beacon of hope in a hurting and troubled world by
sharing the Good News of the Gospel, and
practicing God's love as embodied by Jesus Christ.

We welcome all to walk with us on the journey of faith.

As adopted by the Congregation at its Annual Meeting – January 22, 2012