



First Congregational Church UCC - Founded 1812
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*Come with hope or despair, expectation, or disappointment,
and seek God even as God seeks you.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 28, 2024

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

WELCOME

INTROIT

Enter, Rejoice

Ruspini

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God's justice.

All: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness. We believe that God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.

One: Come together, then, to be God's people. Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done. Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

All: We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God. We shall speak of the glory of the realm of God and tell of God's power. We shall let all people know of God's mighty deeds and glorious splendor.

*HYMN

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

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*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

Praise to you, O God most holy! We are thankful that in you there is no night. Let our morning prayer rise to you as blooming flowers turn to meet the sun. May we meet the adventure of this day open to the opportunities you give us to show the love, justice, and mercy of Jesus Christ. May we be so filled with the Holy Spirit that peace and compassion radiate from us to bless others so that they are touched by your glory. Enrich our senses with the beauty of your world, our mind with wonder at your ways, and our spirit with gratitude for all that you prepare for us in your gentle, merciful, loving hands. Through Jesus Christ the Son. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, may this your Word give us the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the length and width, the height and depth of the love of Christ and fullness of life in you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle	Ephesians 3:14-21	pew Bible p.170 NT
Gospel	John 6:1-21	pew Bible p.84 NT

SERMON **God's Abundant Presence** Rev. Bowie

*HYMN *Let us talents and tongues employ* 422

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns
Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer
Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays: Kristen, Doris, Matt, Dylan
Response *Living God* Iverson

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES (*Mail to PO Box 12, Ellsworth, 04605*)

OFFERTORY *Think About His Love* Harrah

*DOXOLOGY

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We rejoice with thanksgiving for all we have received. Multiply these gifts that we give, O God, so that the world may more deeply know fullness of life in you. Amen.

*HYMN

It Is Well with My Soul

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BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Part in Peace

Adams

POSTLUDE

Monteux School & Music Festival students, *Guest Musicians:*

Sophie Ross, *Clarinet*

Max Jacobs, *Violin*

Lynn Hall, *Organist*

Mary Morrow, *Liturgist*

Rev. Keith Bowie, *Transitional Minister*

Myrna Vallette & Rev. John A. Lacey, *Ushers*

Lois Stevens, *Greeter*

Steve Merchant, *July Deacon*

Ruth & Troy Tainter, *Facebook, WDEA & Zoom*



MASKING IS OPTIONAL IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.

We suggest physical distancing. Thank you for respecting the space of those who choose to mask.

THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 100 MEALS ON JULY 25.

Serving Wednesdays 2:30 - 4 p.m., take-out only

WELCOME TABLE, our free community meal, serves take-out only.

Please call the church on Wednesdays **before noon**, 667-8321,
to reserve a meal. Donations always gratefully received.

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