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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

September 15, 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

They'll Know We Are Christians
Prayer for Peace

arr. Leatherman
Taylor

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT *In the Name of the Lord*

Patty

There is strength in the name of the Lord;

There is power in the name of the Lord;

There is hope in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: The hour is coming and now is when the true worshippers shall worship our God in spirit and in truth for the Lord God seeks these to worship Him.

All: (*turn and face someone near you*) **Let's worship our God together with thankful spirits and joyful hearts.**

*HYMN

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

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*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

Lord God, unto Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid, we come to you in the midst of all that is happening in our lives and going on in the world around us. We don't understand it all, and we need your help dealing with it. We come seeking comfort in our worrying, respite in our tensions and pressures, wisdom and guidance in our decision-making, and to feel your presence with us in it all. We pray that You will be at work in us as we worship, lift the load from our spirits, and send us out refreshed and ready for the days ahead. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is, indeed, our Savior. Amen.

LITANY

hymnal 460

*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.

ANTHEM *I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me* arr. Larson
Oh, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
Did you ever see the like before, King Jesus preaching to the poor?
Wasn't that a happy day when Jesus washed my sins away?
My Lord's done just what he said, he's healed the sick and raised the dead.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Lord, open your word to us anew, and open us to hear your word
with fresh meaning for us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament	Psalms 8:1-8	pew Bible p.455 OT
Epistle	Romans 5:1-5	pew Bible p.135 NT
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20	pew Bible p.15 NT

SERMON

What Now?

Rev. Lacey

*HYMN

Renew your church

463

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays: Andy

Choral Response

Into my heart

Clarke

Into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;

Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart Lord Jesus.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY

Two Fisherman

Toolan

*DOXOLOGY

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN *We've a story to tell to the nations* 484

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Peace be upon you* Wilshire
 Peace be upon you and guard you forever.
 Go in the knowledge that God is with you.

POSTLUDE *Go Forth in Peace* Turner

In the name, text Phil McHugh, Gloria Gaither, Sandi Patty, music Sandi Patty
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Peace be upon you, words & music Daniel S. Wilshire © 1995 Chalice Press
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Lynn Hall, *Organist*

Nancy Sargent, *Choral Director*

Lois Stevens, *Liturgist*

Rev. John A. Lacey, *Guest Minister*

Ginny Davis & Myrna Vallette, *Ushers*

Lois Stevens, *Greeter*

Anne Bancroft, *September 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.

Mental health is
a universal
human
right

*"God will not falter or lose heart until justice
prevails throughout the earth." (Isaiah 42:4)*

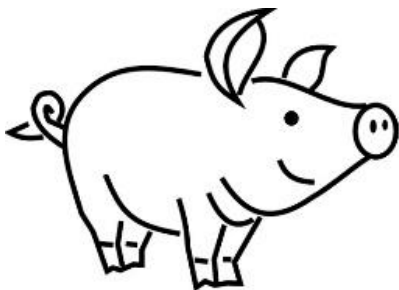
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Roast Pork Supper

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Serving 5:00 to 6:30 pm



Roast pork, mashed potatoes, salad,
glazed carrots, green beans, rolls,
homemade pies, and beverages
(coffee, tea, lemonade)

\$10 per person

\$25 per family (2 adults, 2 children)

**We need volunteers to set up, cook, serve, wash dishes, and bake pies.
Please contact Ruth Tainter immediately about the ways you can help.**

THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 90 MEALS ON SEPTEMBER 11.

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