

First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Ellsworth, Maine



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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY COMMUNION**

**October 6, 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

*The Church's One Foundation  
Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. Burton  
arr. Wagner

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

*Come, Share the Lord*

Leech

We gather here, in Jesus' name,  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:  
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs  
upon it.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

**All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.**

\*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

**Gracious God, we rejoice in your presence among us this day. Lift our hearts with the wings of song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the inspiration of your truth. Immerse us in your love that our common life might glorify you and bless our world. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

ORDER FOR BAPTISM

- Invitation
- Address
- Questions of the Parents
- Prayer of Baptism
- Act of Baptism
- Prayer for the Baptized
- Benediction

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Remember Me*

Lau

Take this bread, take this wine, remember me.  
 Eat this bread, drink this wine, remember me.  
 This is my body, broken for you, this is the blood I shed.  
 Take them, eat them, and feed on me in your heart.  
 Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
 Take his body, take his blood, remember me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Holy God, may the reading of your Word be for us the bread you send from heaven that gives life to the world. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament	Psalm 8	pew Bible p.455 OT
Gospel	Mark 10:13-16	pew Bible p.40 NT

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays: Abby, Dan, Jane, Cathy

Choral Response

*Dresden Amen*

Naumann

HOLY COMMUNION

\*Hymn

*Here at thy table, Lord*

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The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us open our hearts.

**All: We open them to our God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**All: It is right to lift up thanks and praise.**

Preface

Sanctus (unison)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution & Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Gracious God, we offer our thanks for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.**

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY *Beside Still Waters* Cort

\*DOXOLOGY 46

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord God, you have entrusted us with the works of your own hands. Now we return these gifts to you with thanksgiving and praise. Use them all for your glory and for the good of your world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*HYMN *I was there to hear your borning cry* 75

### BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (all) *Blest be the tie that binds* Nägeli

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.  
When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Rondo* Harris

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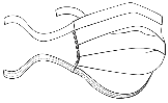
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Lynn Hall, *Organist*  
Nancy Sargent, *Choral Director*  
Rev. John A. Lacey, *Liturgist*  
Rev. Keith Bowie, *Transitional Minister*  
Cindy Sargent & Rev. John A. Lacey, *Communion Stewards*  
Ginny Davis & Anne Bancroft, *Ushers*  
Lois Stevens, *Greeter*  
Rev. John A. Lacey, *October Deacon*  
Ruth & Troy Tainter, *Facebook, WDEA & Zoom*

This morning, we welcome into the fellowship of Christian faith, Everly Jordan Sheng-Xin Silver. Her parents are Andrew & Malinda Silver. FCC member the Rev. John A. Lacey is blessed to baptize his lovely great-granddaughter today.

Today is **World Communion Sunday**, a celebration observed by several Protestant denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October. World Communion Sunday promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation, focusing on an observance of Holy Communion. The tradition began in 1933 with the Rev. Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr, minister of Shadyside Presbyterian Church. It was then adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936 and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Rev. Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide. On this occasion, our Deacons at First Church have prepared the communion elements to include breads from different countries.



**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 90 MEALS ON OCTOBER 2.**  
**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.



**PUBLIC PRAYER VIGIL  
IN OUR SANCTUARY TOMORROW  
OCTOBER 7, 5-7 P.M.**

All are welcome to attend as we  
offer prayers for peace in the Middle East.

# Roast Turkey Supper

**Saturday, October 26, 2024**

**Serving 5:00 to 6:30 pm**



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

**\$10 per person**

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

*Great food ~ Great company ~ Great fun*

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



*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*



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