



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
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

November 17, 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

*Passacaglia
Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Wagner
arr. Page

WELCOME

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

Wolfe

***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.

***HYMN**

We sing your might power, O God

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***GATHERING PRAYER (unison)**

O source of life and all that is good, we have gathered to render our praise and thanksgiving to you. We praise you for seed and harvest, wonder and beauty, family and friends, faith and fellowship, the many blessings of your love which nurture and sustain us. We confess that our thanksgiving too often is diminished by unspoken words of complaint and petty jealousies of others. Restore within us mature hearts of gratitude and enable us to live as loving and faithful stewards of your creation. 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY *There's a Song* Hanson

*DOXOLOGY 46

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

How can we thank you, O God, for all that you have done? You give us life; you give us hope; you give us your very self. Take our offerings—and our very selves--that your will may be done in our church, in our community, and throughout your wide and beautiful world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *O day of God, draw nigh* 700

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Shalom Chaverim* trad.

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Giamanco

10,000 Reasons by Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Steve Angrisano © 2011 Atlas Mountain Songs
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Lynn Hall, *Organist*

Katharine Schrader, *Soloist*

Steve Merchant, *Liturgist*

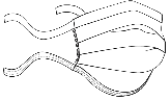
Rev. Keith Bowie, *Transitional Minister*

Anne Bancroft & Cindy Sargent, *Ushers*

Lois Stevens, *Greeter*

Steve Merchant, *November 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 90 MEALS ON NOVEMBER 13.

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.

Welcome Table will not serve a meal on November 27.



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