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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

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

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

Passacaglia Precious Lord, Take My Hand Wagner arr. Page

WELCOME

INTROIT

Surely the Presence

Wolfe

10 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

*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 64

*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. SOLO10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)RedmanBless the Lord, oh my soul, worship His Holy nameSing like never before, Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again; whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Bless the Lord*...

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great And Your heart is kind; for all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Bless the Lord*...

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near And my time has come, still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Bless the Lord*...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Almighty God, speak your Word to us, and guide our feet, that we might be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Gospel	1 Samuel 1:4-20 Mark 13:1-8	pew Bible p.226 OT pew Bible p.43 NT		
SERMON	A WomanA Childand God	Rev. Bowie		
*HYMN	My soul gives glory to my God	130		
MORNING PRAYE	ERS			
Joys & Concerns				
Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer				
Prayer for Veteral	ns and their Families			
Prayer for those C	Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversari	les:		
	Cindy, Tyler, Mike & Sue			
Response	Amen	West		

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 selvesthat 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 CCLI # 11546442 Streaming # 20543232

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