



**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.*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**January 19, 2025**

**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

*Romanza*

Mozart

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr. Page

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

*O Worship the Lord*

McCutchan

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
Serve him with gladness, all the earth.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)**

Psalm 34:3-8

**One:** O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

**All:** **Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.**

**One:** This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**All:** **O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

**\*HYMN**

*Woke up this morning*

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**\*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)**

Psalm 36:7-9

**How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. 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.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* arr. Barnard

Make me a channel of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

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Make me a channel of your peace.  
 Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
 Where there is darkness, only light,  
 And where's there's sadness, ever joy.  
 O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled  
 As to console, to be understood as to understand,  
 To be loved, as to love with all my soul.  
 Make me a channel of your peace.  
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
 In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
 And in dying that we're born to life.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**O God, please open your Word to us this day, and open us to your Word. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament	Psalm 36	pew Bible p.473 OT
Epistle	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	pew Bible p.152 NT
Gospel	John 2:1-11	pew Bible p.80 NT

SERMON

**Walk in Love**

Rev. Henry

\*HYMN

*Steal away to Jesus!*

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MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Barb, Sue, Gary, Lynn & Michael

Choral Response

*Hear our prayer, O Lord*

Van Dyk

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and incline thine ear to our supplication.

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY *Kuortane* Finnish folk melody

\*DOXOLOGY 46

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN *Every time I feel the Spirit* 592

BENEDICTION from Ephesians 4:32-5:2

Let us be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven us. May we be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

CHORAL RESPONSE *May the Peace* Yannerella

May the peace of the Lord go with you.

May you walk in his truth and light.

May the love of the Lord sustain you  
in the sunshine and through the night.

POSTLUDE *The Festive Trumpet* Glyncannon

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Lynn Hall, *Organist*  
Nancy Sargent, *Choir Director*  
Rev. John A. Lacey, *Liturgist*  
Rev. Dr. David P. Henry, *Guest Minister*  
Myrna Vallette & Ginny Davis, *Ushers*  
Lois Stevens, *Greeter*  
Anne Bancroft, *January Deacon*



**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 115 MEALS ON JANUARY 15.**  
**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*