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*Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available—
please ask an usher if you require them.
Please stand as you are able.

Thank you for silencing electronic devices before worship begins.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 22, 2025

10 a.m.

RINGING THE BELL

9:45 a.m.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

All Praise to You, Creator God

Maple

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: You are above me, O God, you are within.

All: You are in all things yet contained by no thing.

One: Teach me to seek you in all that has life, that I may see you as the Light of life.

All: Teach me to search for you in my own depths, that I may find you in every living soul.

*HYMN

For the beauty of the earth (v. 1, 2, & 5)

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*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. Bless our church family—singers and prayers, teachers and learners, workers and servers—that our common life might glorify you and bless our world. In Christ's name we pray. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O God, who opens our prison doors and releases us from our demons, keep us near to you in the hours of each day that by the light of your Word we might drink of your living water, know true joy, and serve you to the end of time. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament
Gospel

Psalm 22:19-28
Luke 8:26-39

pew Bible p.464 OT
pew Bible p.59 NT

SERMON

The Healing Power of Jesus

Rev. Bowie

*HYMN

What a friend we have in Jesus

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MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Joyce, Tom, Mark, Sue, Bob & Katharine

Response

Amen

West

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Gracious and generous God, we are amazed by the good gifts you bestow in abundance. Thank you for food that sustains us on our journey. Thank you for the company of saints to whom we are joined. Thank you for giving us your work to do on earth. We offer back to you a portion of all that we have received, setting down our baskets in celebration of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

Go, my children, with my blessing

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Call to Worship from *Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter*, J. Philip Newell

JLY, *Guest Musicians*

Cathy Engel, *Liturgist*

Lynn Hall, *Organist*

Rev. Keith Bowie, *Transitional Minister*

Sue & Peter Bedard, *Ushers*

Lois Stevens, *Greeter*

Rev. John A. Lacey, *June Deacon*

We welcome back JLY (Jesus Loves You) to our worship this morning. It's a pleasure to see Laura & David McIntyre again.

**Worship is broadcast live through
WDEA AM 1370, Facebook, and Zoom.**

Thank you for sitting in the front half of the sanctuary today.

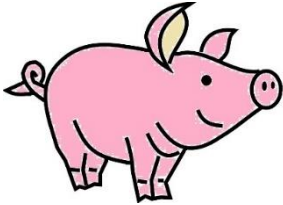
VISITORS, GUESTS, AND SEEKERS ARE WELCOME

Come with hope or despair, expectation or disappointment, and seek God even as God seeks you. We pray that your experience of worship enriches and sustains you in the week ahead. If you are visiting, we hope you will introduce yourself to those around you and to the Pastor. Please join us for coffee after the service. If you have any questions, please ask an usher.

Roast Pork Supper

Saturday, June 28, 2025

5:00 to 6:30 pm



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

\$12 per person ~ \$25 per family (2 adults, 2 children)

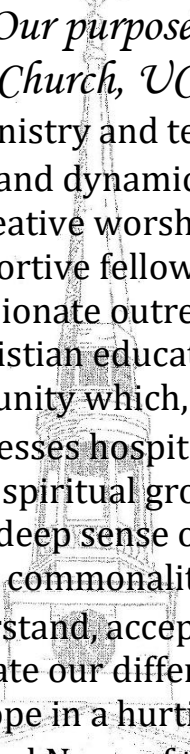
Great food ~ Great company ~ Great fun

THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 90 MEALS ON JUNE 18.

Serving Wednesdays 2 – 3:30 p.m., take-out only

WELCOME TABLE, our free community meal, serves take-out only.

Please call the church on Wednesdays **before 11 a.m.**, 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