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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
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 29, 2025

10 a.m.

RINGING THE BELL

9:45 a.m.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

Most Love

Matthews

WELCOME

INTROIT

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!

All: The winds of the Spirit have given us breath and the fire of the Spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.

One: Come here in faithfulness, and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.

All: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promises to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace. May God help us to be true people of spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!

*HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

622

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

God of this new day, we greet you with joy. We thank you for your Spirit which has called us to faith and gathered us together as your family. Enable us to sense your presence and to hear your voice in this time of worship, that your love and truth might recreate us yet again. Lead us forward to ventures that cannot be foretold, to paths we do not yet know. Be our guide, through your word, and feed us with your assurance that your way is truly the path of love, joy, and peace. 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O God, by your Spirit plant your word within us that we may follow your Son, Jesus Christ, and never leave him. May we find our home in your kingdom and our life in your Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	pew Bible p.168 NT
Gospel	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	pew Bible p.61 NT

SERMON **Hit the Road! Instructions for the Journey** Rev. Bowie

*HYMN	<i>O Jesus, I have promised</i>	612
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MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Jordan, Cindy & Charlie

Response	<i>Lead Me, Lord</i>	Wesley
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OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY *In Moments Like These* Graham

*DOXOLOGY 46

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

With these gifts, O God, we remember with thanksgiving the life that we have because of you. Make us grateful every day for the privilege of offering ourselves for the well-being of all your world. Amen.

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

Shalom to You

traditional

POSTLUDE

*All That You Are*Matthew

Bliss Matthews, *Guest Musician*Michael Hall, *Liturgist*Lynn Hall, *Organist*Rev. Keith Bowie, *Transitional Minister*Sidney Emerson & Rev. John A. Lacey, *Ushers*Lois Stevens, *Greeter*Rev. John A. Lacey, *June Deacon*

We welcome singer songwriter Bliss Matthews to worship this morning. Bliss is studying Audio Engineering at the College of the Atlantic. Originally from Chincoteague Island, Virginia, Bliss has called New England home since 2021. Outside of the studio, Bliss loves to volunteer, garden, climb trees, surf, and sail.

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

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.

THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 90 MEALS ON JUNE 25.

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