

First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Ellsworth, Maine



*Founded in 1812*

*Come with hope or despair,  
expectation, or disappointment, and  
seek God even as God seeks you.*

*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.***

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 20, 2025**

**10 a.m.**

RINGING THE BELL

9:45 a.m.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

*Open Thy Gates of Beauty*

Schmolck

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Come to worship Almighty God.

**All: We lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.**

One: Come to honor Christ Jesus.

**All: We offer Christ our hearts, our minds, our spirits.**

One: Come to be filled with the Spirit of the living God.

**All: Breathe in us, Breath of God.**

One: Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.

**All: God is good! Praise the Lord!**

## \*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

**Grant us this day, O God, not to be overtaken by anxious thoughts that can make us feel that you are not near. Give us the chance, to sit at your feet, to enjoy every word and every musical note that we may feel your real presence within our families, our communities, our jobs, and our schools. Prepare us as we journey as your people, to worship and to obey. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the image of the invisible God, and the firstborn over all 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.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Monteux Musicians

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Open our hearts and our minds so that we can understand the fullness of your Word. Fill us with the light of the Holy Spirit, and bless the servant you have chosen to share the Word proclaimed today. In the name of Christ, the Word revealed. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Genesis 18:1-10a

pew Bible p.13 OT

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

pew Bible p.62 NT

SERMON

**Hospitality**

Rev. Bowie

\*HYMN

*Be thou my vision*

595

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays:

Belva, Jim, Alan, Cathy, Caleb, Liz, Emily, Greg

Response

*Amen*

Carter

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY

*Come Away With Me*

Horman

\*DOXOLOGY

46

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**God, we give today in thankfulness and with the assurance that anything we give will contribute to the continuing growth of your kingdom in the world. Give us wisdom as a church, so that this offering is used for the sharing of your word and the service of your people. In the name of the One that gave us everything we are and have. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Sister, let me be your servant*

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BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

*Blest Be the Tie*

Nägeli

POSTLUDE

Juan Florez, *Violin*  
Bejamin Marten Stayner, *Cello*  
Lynn Hall, *Organist*  
Anne Bancroft, *Liturgist*  
Rev. Keith Bowie, *Transitional Minister*  
Ginny Davis & Myrna Vallette, *Ushers*  
Lois Stevens, *Greeter*  
Ruth & Troy Tainter, *Facebook, WDEA & Zoom*  
Steve Merchant, *July Deacon*

## **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.

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



# MONTEUX

## SCHOOL & MUSIC FESTIVAL

We are delighted to welcome musical guests  
from the Monteux School this morning:



**JUAN FLOREZ** is a violinist and conductor from Miami, Florida. He has completed his degree in Violin Performance from the University of Florida and is currently doing a Masters of Science in Management geared towards Arts Administration at the Hough Graduate School of Business. Simultaneously, he is completing a master's degree in Orchestral Conducting under the direction of Dr. Tiffany Lu at UF.

Juan is currently a violinist for the Ocala Symphony Orchestra, Jacksonville Symphony, and the Coastal Symphony of Georgia, and has had previous performances with major orchestras, such as the New World Symphony and the Los Angeles Philharmonic, where he was inspired by Gustavo Dudamel to study conducting. He started building a robust conducting presence for himself by being named the principal conductor of the Collective Chamber Orchestra. Recent engagements include leading the Tegucigalpa Symphony Orchestra in performance, the ensemble of the capital of Honduras, as well as the Orquesta Filarmónica de Honduras.

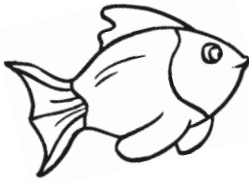
**BENJAMIN MARTEN STAYNER** is a conductor, music director, and multi-instrumentalist from Youngstown, NY. After receiving a Bachelor of Music in Music Theory from The Hartt School and a Master of Music in Conducting (Musical Theatre & Opera) from Ithaca College, he spent three years music directing and conducting musical theatre around the country. Benjamin has collaborated with Broadway-level talent such as David Archuleta, Josh Strickland, and Felicia Finley. He has studied conducting with Edward Cumming, Glen Adsit, and Christopher Zemliauskas. In masterclass, he has worked with Tito Muñoz, Michael Jinbo, and Carl Topilow. Benjamin is currently working toward a Master of Music in Orchestral and Choral Conducting at the University of Connecticut, studying with Paul McShee and Jamie Spillane. As part of his assistantship, he teaches fundamentals of music theory and ear training, assists with undergraduate conducting classes, and serves as the Assistant Conductor of the UConn Symphony Orchestra and Concert Choir.



# Baked Haddock Supper

***This Saturday, July 26, 2025***

***Serving 5:00 to 6:30 pm***



*Baked haddock, mashed potatoes, carrots,  
green beans, salad, rolls, homemade pies and  
beverages (coffee, tea, lemonade)*

**\$12 per person**

**\$25 per family (2 adults, 2 children)**

**We need volunteers to set up, cook, serve, wash dishes, and bake pies.  
Please contact Lois Stevens immediately about the ways you can help.**

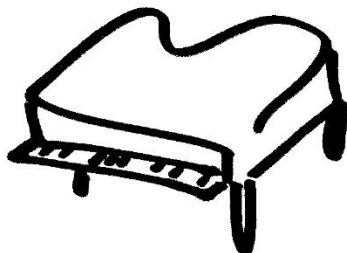
**THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 90 MEALS ON JULY 16.**

**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.





# BEN COSGROVE

**IN CONCERT**

**August 9, 2025**

**2 p.m.**

**First Congregational Church UCC  
2 Church Street in Ellsworth**

Ben Cosgrove is a nationally known Maine pianist who has contributed music to the Ken Burns documentary *The American Buffalo*. He creates music that explores themes of landscapes, place, and environment.

A \$5 donation is requested.

For information about the concert,  
please contact Chris Wilson at 202-538-4606

[bencosgrove.com](http://bencosgrove.com)

*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*



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