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*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.
Thank you for silencing electronic devices before worship begins.*

**Please stand as you are able.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
TRINITY SUNDAY**



May 31, 2026

10 a.m.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

*Holy, Holy, Holy
Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

arr. Page
arr. Page

WELCOME

INTROIT

Morning has broken

Farjeon

(You may follow the text on page 53 in the hymnal.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, bringing light into darkness and life into creation.

All: We gather to worship the Creator who continues to bring hope and new life into the world.

One: Jesus Christ calls us to follow, to learn, and to share God's love with all people.

All: We gather as disciples, seeking to grow in faith, compassion, and grace.

One: The Holy Spirit moves among us still, strengthening and guiding us for the journey ahead.

All: We come as people created, called, and sent to serve in Christ's name. Let us worship the Triune God the creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*HYMN

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

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*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

Creator God, You formed the heavens and the earth with wisdom and love, and you created each of us in your image. Christ Jesus, you call us to follow you with faith and courage. Holy Spirit, you guide and strengthen us to serve the world in grace and truth. Gather us now in your presence. Open our hearts to your Word, shape us through our worship, and send us from this place renewed in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SPECIAL MOMENTS

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.

SOLO

Womb of Life, and Source of Being

Duck

(You may follow the text on page 14 in the hymnal.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy and gracious God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, open our hearts and minds to hear your voice. Through the wisdom of the Creator, the love of Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, help us to receive your truth with faith and respond with courage. Shape us into people who are created, called, and sent to share your love with the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Genesis 1:1-2:4

pew Bible p.1 OT

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

pew Bible 29 NT

SERMON

Created, Called, and Sent

*HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

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MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays:

Myrna, Dan, Sid, Kristen, Louise, Jered, John, Neal

Response

Amen

West

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY *Holy, Holy* Owens

*DOXOLOGY 46

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* 2

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fanfare on LYONS* arr. Edwards

Lynn Hall, *Organist*

Andy Elliott, *Pastor*

Katharine Schrader, *Soloist*

Tim Carter, *Liturgist*

Donna Shea & Rhyne Robidoux, *Ushers*

Lois Stevens, *Greeter*

Ruth & Troy Tainter, *Facebook, WDEA & Zoom*

Katharine Schrader, *May Deacon*

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

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

VISITORS, GUESTS, AND SEEKERS ARE WELCOME

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.



While the church steeple is being cleaned and repaired, we are not ringing the bell at the beginning of morning worship. Once this project is completed, we will restore this item to the Order of Worship.

THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 126 MEALS ON MAY 27.

WELCOME TABLE, our free community meal, serves take-out only on Wednesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. Please call the church on Wednesdays **before 11 a.m.**, 667-8321, to reserve a meal.
Donations always gratefully received.



Supporting next generation leaders

Through the Church Assessment, Support, and Advancement (CASA) Program, new and renewing ministries receive grant funding to establish and strengthen transformative faith communities within the United Church of Christ.

One of these grant recipients is the Service Learning Community Fellowship Program at Kailua Christian Church. Their mission to cultivate a loving, Christ-centered community is reflected in their investment in young adults discerning pastoral and social service vocations. By partnering with The Institute for Human Services and offering hands-on, community-centered learning, housing support, and spiritual formation, KCC is developing the next generation of compassionate, justice-oriented Christian leaders.

A participant of the program shared, “This experience has prepared me to pursue ministry with greater intentionality, creativity, and resilience, equipping me to serve diverse communities with both grace and practical leadership.”



Your gifts to Strengthen the Church help support ministries like the Service Learning Community Fellowship Program all across the United States. Thank you for your generosity!

The Strengthen the Church Offering furthers the work of our Conference and National Ministries as we work together to strengthen and renew existing congregations, fund leadership development, and provide exciting new programs for youth and young adults. The offering is divided between your Conference and the National Ministries.

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**GORDON THOMAS WARD
IN CONCERT**

JUNE 20, 7:00 P.M.

**ELLSWORTH
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

**2 CHURCH STREET
ELLSWORTH, ME**

*"GORDON THOMAS WARD IS
SETTING THE GOLD STANDARD
FOR SINGER/SONGWriters FOR
GENERATIONS TO COME."
~ JIMMY RAE, SKOPE MAGAZINE*





The HYSSONGS will appear in concert here on Saturday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. after the church's public supper. Dell, Susan and Richard Hyssong travel full-time as the award-winning Hyssongs. Their energetic ministry combines family vocal harmony, humor and brass instruments (trumpet and trombone) to delight audiences with their Christ-centered message, shared through the powerful medium of music. The family's

classical music background, along with their harmony and specific chord structures, lends them a unique sound that has made quite an impact on audiences. The group has been singing together as a family for nearly 30 years.

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