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

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*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.***

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY COMMUNION**

**June 7, 2026**

**10 a.m.**

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

*Little Prelude in g minor  
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Taylor  
arr. Broughton

WELCOME

INTROIT

*You Who Are Thirsty*

Ross

You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink from waters flowing.  
You who are hungry, come to the bread and eat of his holiness.  
You who are tired, find rest. You who are weak, find strength.  
You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink.  
He will freely feed all of them who are weak.  
He will quench the righteous thirst of all who humbly seek.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: Come, all who carry hopes that seem distant and dreams that feel forgotten.

**All: We come seeking the God who brings life where we least expect it.**

One: Come, all who wonder if change is possible, if healing can come, if new beginnings can still emerge.

**All: We come trusting that nothing is too wonderful for God.**

One: Jesus looks upon the world with compassion, seeing every hurt, every burden, every longing heart.

**All: We come to receive that compassion and to share it with others.**

One: God calls us from places of doubt into lives of hope, from receiving grace into offering grace.

**All: We come ready to worship, ready to listen, and ready to be sent.  
Let us worship the God who surprises us with joy, fills us with compassion, and calls us into the work of love. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Great is thy faithfulness*

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\*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

**Gracious and loving God, we gather this day with hearts full of hope, questions, joys, and concerns. Open our eyes to your presence among us and remind us that your promises are greater than our fears and your love is stronger than our doubts. Fill us with the compassion of Christ, that we may receive your grace with gratitude and share it freely with others. Draw us closer to you and to one another as we worship, learn, and grow in faith together. 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.**

### CHORAL ANTHEM *Let us break bread together* arr. Beck

Let us break bread together on our knees.

*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,*

*O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees. *When I fall...*

Let us praise God together on our knees. *When I fall...*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Loving God, as we hear your Word read and proclaimed, open our hearts and minds to your Spirit. Help us to listen with curiosity, receive with faith, and respond with courage. Where we have grown doubtful, awaken hope. Where we have become weary, renew our strength. May these ancient stories speak fresh truth into our lives, guiding us more deeply into your love and calling us to follow Christ with compassion and purpose. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Genesis 18:1-15

pew Bible p.13 OT

Genesis 21:1-7

pew Bible p.15 OT

Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:23

pew Bible p.8 NT

### SERMON

**From Laughter to Compassion**

## HOLY COMMUNION

\*Hymn *One bread, one body* 393  
Invitation to Communion  
Prayer of Consecration  
Sharing the Bread & Cup  
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication (unison)

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for this sacred meal, for the bread we have shared, the cup we have received, and the love that has nourished our spirits. In this gathering, you have reminded us that we are welcomed, cherished, and called. As we leave this table, may the grace we have received become grace that we share. Strengthen us to be people of compassion, hope, and generosity. Send us into the world renewed in faith and ready to serve, carrying the love of Christ into our homes, our community, and wherever your Spirit leads us. With grateful hearts, we dedicate ourselves anew to your work and your way. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Lord, whose love through humble service* 461

## MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns  
Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer  
Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays: Kirsten, Cookie, Todd, Ruth  
Choral Response *Lord, listen to your children* Medema  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY *Broken for Me* Lunt

*DOXOLOGY		46
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
*HYMN	<i>Help us accept each other</i>	487
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>A Cheerful Trumpet</i>	Harris

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Lynn Hall, *Organist*

Nancy Sargent, *Choral Director*

Andy Elliott, *Pastor*

Mark Remick, *Liturgist*

Brendan Minear & Cindy Sargent, *Communion Stewards*

Sue & Ken Farkas, *Ushers*

Lois Stevens, *Greeter*

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

Katharine Schrader, *May Deacon*

**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.

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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.

**GORDON THOMAS WARD**  
**IN CONCERT**

**JUNE 20, 7:00 P.M.**

**ELLSWORTH  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH**

**2 CHURCH STREET  
ELLSWORTH, ME**

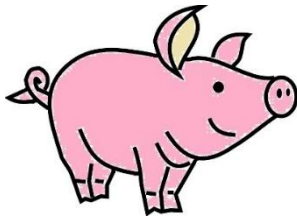
*"GORDON THOMAS WARD IS  
SETTING THE GOLD STANDARD  
FOR SINGER/SONGWRITERS FOR  
GENERATIONS TO COME."  
~ JIMMY RAE, SKOPE MAGAZINE*



# Roast Pork Supper

**Saturday, June 27, 2026**

**Serving 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)**

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

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**The HYSSONGS will appear in concert here on Saturday, June 27, at 6 p.m. after the church's public supper.** Dell, Susan and Richard Hyssong travel full-time as performers. 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. Their 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.

**THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 126 MEALS ON JUNE 3.**

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.

*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**