

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Ellsworth, Maine



Founded in 1812

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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.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 14, 2026

10 a.m.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

*Jesus Shall Reign
On Eagle's Wings*

arr. Page
arr. Carter

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

*The sun is on the sea and shore
(You may follow the text in the hymnal #3.)*

Bain

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: God has gathered us from many places and many walks of life.

All: We come seeking the One whose love has carried us this far.

One: Long before we understood grace, God was already at work among us.

All: We gather to remember God's faithfulness and give thanks for God's love.

One: The promise that began generations ago continues to grow among us today.

All: We are God's people, called to live with faith, hope, and compassion.

One: Let us worship God!

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN

Lift every voice and sing

631

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

Loving God, You have gathered us here today as your people, sustained by your grace and surrounded by your love. Open our hearts to your presence in this time of worship. Renew our faith, strengthen our hope, and inspire us to live with compassion and courage. Remind us that we are part of a story still unfolding—a promise that continues to grow through your love at work within us and among us. Amen.

SPECIAL MOMENTS

Honoring Graduates

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

Blessed

Aranha

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, As we hear your Word this day, open our hearts and minds to your Spirit. Help us to listen with faith, receive with hope, and respond with courage. May these ancient words speak fresh truth into our lives, reminding us of your enduring love and your promise that continues to grow within us and among us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

Exodus 19:2-8a

pew Bible p.61 OT

Epistle

Romans 5:1-8

pew Bible p.135 NT

SERMON

The Promise Keeps Growing

*HYMN

God of grace and God of glory

464

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries: Ginny, Ruth & Troy

Choral Response

Amen

Danish

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY

I Love You, Lord

Klein

*DOXOLOGY

46

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

For the healing of the nations

668

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional on ST. DENIO

arr. Edwards

Lynn Hall, *Organist*

Nancy Sargent, *Choral Director*

Andy Elliott, *Pastor*

Myrna Vallette, *Liturgist*

Anne Bancroft & Ginny Davis, *Ushers*

Lois Stevens, *Greeter*

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

Steve Merchant, *June 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.



GRADUATES

Abigail Kimball, MDI High School
Headed to U-Maine Orono in the fall
Granddaughter of Sue & Mike Fuller

A Prayer for Graduates

Gracious God,
We celebrate the achievements of each graduate today
and pray for their continued journey
toward discovering their purpose.
Build up their character.
Reveal to them the unique gifts
you have placed within each one
and help them to use these gifts for your glory.
May they find fulfillment and joy
in the calling you have for them.
Guide them to be a light in this world,
spreading kindness,
compassion,
and love
wherever they go. Amen.

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*



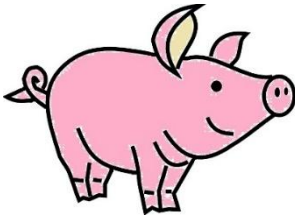
THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 126 MEALS ON JUNE 10.

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.

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.

The HYSSONGS will appear in concert here on Saturday, June 27, 6:30 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.



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