



**First Congregational Church UCC** – Founded 1812  
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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  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**June 21, 2026**

**10 a.m.**

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

*I've Got Peace Like a River  
This is My Father's World*

arr. Gaspard  
arr. Krug

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

*How lovely, Lord, how lovely*  
(You may follow the text in the hymnal, #285.)

Hopson

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Isaiah 55:6-9

One: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts;

**All: Let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

One: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

**All: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

\*HYMN

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven*

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\*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

**Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. For you, o Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble, I call on you, for you will answer me. Amen.**

SPECIAL MOMENTS

Passing the Peace

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

*More Like You, Lord*

Althouse



## BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE      *With Joy We Depart*      Lee

POSTLUDE      *The Joyful Trumpet*      Clarke

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Lynn Hall, *Organist*

Nancy Sargent, *Choral Director*

Rev. Dr. David Henry, *Guest Minister*

Rev. John A. Lacey, *Liturgist*

Cindy Sargent & Myrna Vallette, *Ushers*

Lois Stevens, *Greeter*

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

Steve Merchant, *June Deacon*

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

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## 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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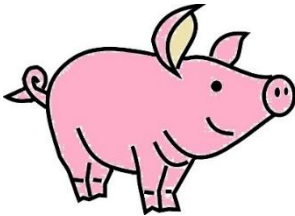


While the church steeple is being cleaned and repaired, we are not ringing the bell at the beginning of morning worship. Once this project is completed, we will restore this item to the Order of Worship.

**THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 27, DINNER & CONCERT**

# 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)**

*Take-out available*

*Handicap accessible at the State Street entrance*  
*For more info, call Lois at 207-669-2028*

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The HYSSONGS will appear in concert here on Saturday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. after the church's public supper. Their energetic ministry combines family vocal harmony, humor and brass instruments (trumpet and trombone) to delight audiences with their Christ-centered message. 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 121 MEALS ON JUNE 17.**

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*