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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
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 28, 2026

10 a.m.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

New World Symphony

Dvořák

WELCOME

INTROIT

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: We walk into this space carrying scripts we never asked to write—
scripts of unworthiness, of endless hustle, of fear, and of keeping up
with the empires around us.

All: We are tired of running scripts that do not bring us life.

One: Today, we gather to pause the autopilot. We gather to look at the
masters of greed, anxiety, and division that demand our allegiance,
and we say: *Your time is up.*

**All: Today, we choose a new allegiance. Today, we choose the Way of
Love.**

One: Come, let us worship the God of holy disruption. The One who meets
us on the mountain, who greets us in the cup of cold water, and who
offers us radical freedom.

**All: Let us fire our old masters, reclaim our agency, and step into the
liberation of grace. Let us worship God together!**

*HYMN

Be thou my vision

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*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

**Gracious God, we come into Your presence with the joys and burdens
of this week. Open our hearts to Your love, our minds to Your wisdom,
and our lives to Your leading. Help us set aside the voices that pull us
away from You and listen for Your voice of grace, calling us into
freedom and new life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

SPECIAL MOMENTS

Welcoming Jessie Remmick as a member

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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Loving God, as we hear Your Word today, quiet the voices that distract us and open our hearts to Your truth. Where fear speaks, bring courage. Where shame lingers, bring grace. Where we need freedom, lead us into new life. By Your Spirit, help us hear, understand, and respond to Your call. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament	Genesis 22:1-14	pew Bible p.16 OT
Gospel	Matthew 10:40-42	pew Bible p.9 NT
Epistle	Romans 6:12-23	pew Bible p136 NT

SERMON

Whose Script Are You Running?

The stories that control us and the God who sets us free.

*HYMN

I have decided to follow Jesus

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MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Sue, Jordan, Wendy, Charlie & Cindy, Myrna & Bob

Response

Amen

West

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY

You Are My All in All

Jernigan

*DOXOLOGY

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN *Lord, I want to be a Christian* 589

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Triumphant Finale* Bliss

Lynn Hall, *Organist*

Andy Elliott, *Pastor*

Martin Vachon, *Liturgist*

Rhyne Robidoux & Donna Shay, *Ushers*

Lois Stevens, *Greeter*

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

Steve Merchant, *June Deacon*



The prelude that Lynn selected this morning is in honor of former choir member John Van Pelt. Dvořák was John's favorite composer.

**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.



Please excuse the mess in the narthex while we are repainting the historical room.

THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 126 MEALS ON JUNE 24.

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