FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
November 22, 2026

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

"Build a Longer Table"

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading Psalm 100 *Robert Owen Williams*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

People: **Know that the Lord is God!**
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name!

People: **For the Lord is good;**
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

* Hymn #790 "We Gather Together" *Celebration Hymnal*

A Time for the Young and Young at Heart *Debbie Alberini*

Monthly Offering for the Little Free Pantry

During the Food Collection Hymn #170 "Give Thanks" *Celebration Hymnal*

Greeting One Another

Anthem "Build a Longer Table"

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:35 *Jonathan Verge*

Sermon *Jonathan Verge*

* Hymn #794 "Let All Things Now Living" *Celebration Hymnal*

Prayers of the People *Pastor Peter Ilgenfritz*

The Lord's Prayer *(See insert page for words)*

Offertory *Mary Menzies*

* Doxology *(See insert page for words)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *Mary Menzies*

* Hymn #797 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" *Celebration Hymnal*

Benediction *Debbie Alberini*

Postlude *(please remain seated until its conclusion)*

Those who are able may stand where marked (*).

Thank you worship leaders!

Debbie Alberini (First United Methodist Church)
Jonathan Verge (First United Methodist Church)
Mary Menzies (First Congregational Church)
Robert Owen Williams (Franconia Community Church)

Online giving: https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR4H/home

Calendar:

Monday, November 23: Aging Discussion Group – Ladies Parlor – 11:00am
Wednesday, November 26: No Choir Rehearsal – 6:00 pm
Shining Lights Closed
Thursday, November 27: Happy Thanksgiving! Office and Shining Lights Closed
Friday, November 28: Shining Lights Closed

TONIGHT!



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Franconia Community Church

Franconia, NH



First Congregational Church

Littleton, NH



First United Methodist Church

Littleton, NH

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 for ever. Amen.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thank you for joining us for worship today! It is our sincere hope that all who gather in this place will know and experience the love, forgiveness, hope, and new life available through Jesus Christ.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we believe in celebrating the rich diversity of human experiences and creating a place where everyone feels valued, respected, and fully included. Accordingly, our community of faith wholeheartedly welcomes all people regardless of their race, gender, age, nationality, economic circumstances, physical or mental ability, or sexual orientation. The welcome and affirmation we extend reflects God's grace and love made known in Jesus Christ.