

The Congregational Church of Rupert

1786 Meeting House



Everyone is Welcome Here

Mission of the Congregational Church of Rupert

The mission of CCR is to seek to follow Jesus' teachings in his Sermon on the Mount, and to practice the words of Micah by living justly, by being kind and compassionate while walking with God in all humility.

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signifies you should stand if you are able, **bold signifies congregation speaks in unison.*

Prelude

Jeff Linebeck

Welcome to the Historic 1786 Rupert Meeting House:

Introduction to the Morning Steve Berry

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Come before God and rejoice.

***Hymn #462 (Pilgrim Hymnal) Come Ye, Thankful People, Come**

Psalms 100 (Living Bible)

Shout with joy before the Lord, O earth! ²Obey him gladly; come before him, singing with joy. ³Try to realize what this means—the Lord is God! He made us—we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. ⁴Go through his open gates with great thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name. ⁵For the Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation

Historical Background of American Thanksgiving- a Day of Celebration and Praise and Blessing (Reference hymns all from the **Pilgrim Hymnal**) #259 We Limit Not the Truth of God verse 1, #58 God That Madest Earth and Heaven, #460 We Plow the Fields and Scatter

We Gather Together (vs. 1)

*We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
To turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O'God, be present with us, and make your will known.*

We Praise Thee O, God, (vs. 2)

*We worship thee, God of our fathers, we bless thee;
Through life's storm and tempest our guide hast thou been.
What perils o'ertake us, thou wilt not forsake us,
And with thy help, O Lord, life's battles we win.*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer (In your mercy. **Lord, hear our prayer**)

Lord's Prayer: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

Music with Phil Henry

Reading from Scripture and Contemporary Epistles – Carey Braidt

Jeremiah 31: 31-3New Covenant The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Matthew 9: 35-3 (The Message)

35 Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives. When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. "What a huge harvest!" he said to his disciples. "How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!"

Message from the Farmer's

Cynthia & Rich Larson, Caralyn & Austin Davis, Oliver Levis, Ryan & Rachel Yoder

***Closing Hymn: # 2 (PH) Now Thank We All Our God**

Benediction

Postlude: (It is our custom to remain seated during the Postlude)

Jeff Linebeck



The Congregational Church of Rupert's faith and covenant is expressed as follows:

"Surrounded as we are by field and forest, our faith and covenantal mission is a call to care for our earthly home, to honor our habitat and all our relations. We remain open to the ways God imparts insight through the Bible; God's blessed Word of Truth, through ancient wisdom, scientific insight, the natural world and religious experience. This we do *pro gloria Deo* (for the glory of God), for our spiritual and personal growth; and increase in all graces. We seek to live a nonviolent life and work toward justice in the spirit of Jesus within the context of community. We believe that each member shall have the undisturbed right to follow the Word of God according to the dictates of his or her own conscience under the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit. We accept our personal responsibility to nurture our individual faith as well as the call to share such faith insights humbly and lovingly with others in community. We are prompted to move forward into a time of greater inclusivity and love as we seek to welcome people of other traditions and faith experiences. So, that in the 21st Century, we may "raise up the foundations of many generations" (Isaiah 58:12) and that we may, as a people, grasp Jesus' words "that we may all be one." (John 17:21)

Please keep the following in prayer: Wanda, Elizabeth, Loretta R., Carolyn B., Ed B., Chip Trioano, Diane L., Kate and Family Don L., Tracy, Kyle, Emma, Tyler, David, Bryan, Caitlin and Scott, Mark and the Weatherhogg Family, Ruth H., Brian, Oliver and his family, Pepo, Carla, Fabrizio and Family, Andy and Ginny, Jamie, Caitlin, Kevin Rolly, Alex and Setsu Carter, Donna, Sam and Changwa, Matt Berry, Christopher Steel, Kim Rizio and the Rizio family at the death of her mother Joan.

News/Calendar

◀ Please bring nonperishable food to church to be donated to the CCR Sharing Shelf ▶

News

Upcoming Meetinghouse Events 2025

All are Welcome

◆ ◆ Check rupertchurch.org for dates/times ◆ ◆

Calendar

Alcoholics Anonymous Every Thursday 7pm

November

27 Thanksgiving 🦃

30 1st Sunday in Advent – **Hope**

December

6 Church Wreath Sale – Wreath orders can be taken beginning now for Christmas Fund Raiser in honor of Dodie Daly. This was our largest fundraising event last year. Rev. Berry will be heading to northern Vermont to pick-up fresh balsam fir bundles in late November at snowfall. Those willing to help make wreathes please contact us at (802) 733-6522.

7 2nd Sunday in Advent – Peace

14 3rd Sunday in advent - Joy

21 Sunday in advent -Love

24 Christmas Eve

25 Christmas Day

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HISTORICAL NOTES

Samson Occom helped to found the Congregational Church of Rupert, Vermont and blessed the church by imparting the gift of hospitality.

The Mohegan-Brothertown minister Samson Occom (1723–1792) was a prominent political and religious leader of the Indigenous peoples of present-day New York and New England, among whom he is still revered today. An international celebrity in his day, Occom became a Christian at the age of 18. He rose to fame as the first Native person to be ordained a minister in the New England colonies. He traveled to England at the behest of the Rev. Eleazar Wheelock his teacher. He procured money from the Earl of Dartmouth (and others) which was intended to be used to create an Indian School in Connecticut. Wheelock took the money and established Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. In the mid- 1760's until his death, Occom traveled to different communities. He helped found the nation of Brothertown where Coastal Algonquian families seeking respite from colonialism built a new life on land given to them by the Oneida Nation. Occom was a highly productive author, probably the most prolific Native American writer prior to the late nineteenth century. Most of Occom's writings, however, have been overlooked, partly because many of them are about Christian themes that seem unrelated to Native life. However, in a groundbreaking new book, **Radical Hospitality in the Native Northeast**, Ryan Carr argues that Occom's writings were deeply rooted in Indigenous traditions of hospitality, diplomacy, and openness to strangers. From Occom's point of view, evangelical Christianity was not a foreign culture; it was a new opportunity to practice his people's ancestral customs. Carr demonstrates Occom's originality as a religious thinker, showing how his commitment to Native sovereignty shaped his reading of the Bible. By emphasizing the Native sources of Occom's evangelicalism, Carr's book offers new ways to understand the relations of Northeast Native traditions to Christianity, colonialism, and Indigenous self-determination. Interestingly, Rupert was an early beneficiary of Occom's teaching and practice of hospitality. The newly constructed congregational community meetinghouse welcomed people from far and wide and had the honor to have the Reverend Lemuel Haynes, the first ordained black minister in America, preach from the pulpit of the newly constructed building during our earliest years.

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