

In Our Prayer

Michael May (recovering from surgery)**Those mourning the death of Tina Marcoux, (niece of Dawn Charron)**Those mourning the death of Ellen Jacke** Those who mourn the death of Diane Geiss**Gail Berlepsch (recovering from surgery)**Jeff Clay (progressive throat cancer, Tina Caldwell's brother in law)**Gladys Wells** Doug Jameson (friend of Bob Blakeslee)**Carolyn Keehan (in Hospice)**Bob Kaden (having neck surgery)**Lucille Blakeslee (recovering from a stroke)Those mourning the death of Fran Rice** Pastor Rich (cancer)**Andrew (brain cancer)** Friends of Cynthia Bruestche** Healing for Justin Weekes, son of Sandy Weekes**Those impacted by nature's fury** Tina Caldwell** Kim Baldwin (Lori Folk-Barron's friend **Sally Coleman** Megan Perkowski **Cousin Jean Farrell and Aunt Joyce Gorsky (the McKenna Family) ** Mark and Lynn Bailey (friends of John and Sherry Perkowski)** Tim Keogh** Charmaine Craggs** Ashley Sibley (Bernie and Tony's great-niece)**Tom Jastermsky** Gabe and Jude Heidenis (Bernie and Tony's grandsons)**Jack Grotti (friend of Sally Coleman)** Wendy Riddle, sister of Sandy Weekes ** Cathy Kovi** Holly Arce (Daughter-in-law of Manuel Arce and Deborah Sinon)** Sandy McCume** Betsy-Sue Eisenman**Janice Frey**David Lick**Those around the world who live in areas of conflict and war.



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At the First Congregational Church, UCC of Wallingford, CT, we have discerned the following vision and mission for our faith lives together:

Vision

Our faith – rooted in the compassion and teachings of Jesus Christ – is the foundation of our love for one another and service to the world around us.

We offer a home for those seeking deeper meaning or purpose in their lives through the exploration of Jesus Christ's teachings. The love and compassion found in those teachings commit us to up lift each individual and celebrate our shared humanity.

Mission

We will foster spiritual growth, loving communication, and mutual care, thereby empowering us to confront issues that impact our community and the world, including poverty, isolation, and exclusion.

We commit to developing a nurturing environment where all are loved, valued, and inspired to meaningful participation in the life of the church. Through our Christian faith, compassion, and service, we will dedicate ourselves to making a positive impact on the lives of people in our community and beyond.

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First Congregational Church



July 7, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 7, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Fantasy in d Minor* K.397 W.A. Mozart

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *Grace Alone*
Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson/arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God's greatness is wondrous to behold.

P: Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.

L: From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea,

P: There God's greatness stands majestically.

L: God's greatness can be within the human heart.

P: Let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion. AMEN.

+HYMN O Day of Radiant Gladness NCH #66

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Merciful God, forgive us when we are paralyzed by confusion and doubt. Strengthens our faith, that we may not only believe, but may be filled with the power to help and heal. When others reject or refuse our ministry, help us to be forgiving and grace-filled. Grant us the courage to accept those things that cannot be changed, that we may be freed from anger and resentment. Forgive us when our disappointment clouds our wisdom and confuses our actions. Guide us on this path of ministry, that we may be filled with the joy of our ministry. Amen.

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM *On Eagle's Wings* Michael Joncas
Solo/ Holly Francke

CONGREGATION: (Please sing the refrain below with Holly)

And He will raise you up on Eagle's Wings

Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of His hand.

LESSON FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE
2 Corinthians 12:2-10

MESSAGE

HYMN There Is a Balm in Gilead NCH #553

CALL TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision*
Traditional Irish Hymn/arr. K.L. Phillips

+DOXOLOGY NCH #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE COMMUNION

This is the Table of the Lord and all who wish to receive here are welcome! We receive first the bread and then the juice, please hold each so that we might partake together.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

+HYMN How Firm a Foundation NCH #407

+COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Make Me a Servant* Kelly Willard

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.**

POSTLUDE *Down By the Riverside* Mary McDonald

Announcements

Welcome to the First Congregational Church of Wallingford! If you are visiting with us this morning, we extend a special welcome and greeting to you. First Church is a part of the United Church of Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Joan Smith by Delbert Smith and family.

Serving the church today: Lois Doherty, Steve & Cathy Knight, Bruce & Katherine Ollodart, Ushers. Debby Voelker, Tina Caldwell, Lori Folk-Barron, Kathy Filkins, Bob Westervelt, Sacramental Ministers, Rick Voelker, Chimes. Debby Voelker, Liturgist.

We are off to a good start with our **Pledges**. As of June 24th **\$188,948** has been received from **91 Pledging Units**. That is an average pledge of 2,076! Please be generous in your giving. Together, we are changing lives!

Musication organ introduction for children and youth:

August 19-22 (Mon.-Thurs) 12 noon to 2 p.m. for children entering grades 3-9. Registration forms will be available Sundays in church school and on the piano in congregational hall and in a MailChimp.

What will we be doing? Finding out how the organ produces various sounds exploring the physical set up of the organ from the blowers in the church basement to the chambers where the pipes are and much more

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor
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