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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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June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please rise in body or in spirit
NCH = New Century Hymnal (Black)

PRELUDE	<i>Dove of Peace</i>	Gilbert M. Martin
WELCOME		
CENTERING MUSIC	<i>Versi Octavi Toni</i>	Antonio de Cabezon/rev. Flor Peeters
CALL TO WORSHIP		
	Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!	
	The day of Pentecost has come and we have gathered together in this place.	
	We are nothing without you, O Lord.	
	Send forth your presence and grant us your mercies and love.	
	Creator God, reign down your Spirit that we, too, may prophesy!	
	Praise the Lord who sends forth his Spirit!	
	Praise the Lord who renews the face of the earth.	
	Jesus Christ, reign down your Spirit that we, too, may see visions!	
	May the glory of the Lord endure forever!	
	May the Lord rejoice in his works.	
	Everlasting God, reign down your Spirit that we, too, may dream dreams!	
	Praise the Lord! Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; praise the Lord!	
+HYMN	On Pentecost They Gathered	NCH #272

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Merciful and gracious God, Our hearts cry out for you to make us whole again. Even as we celebrate that you have come to dwell within us, We have sinned against you and abandoned your commandments. We have

been jealous, possessive, ambivalent, and impulsive. We have not heeded your Word and we have not cherished your covenant. Help us to glorify you in all times and in all places. As our souls thirst for your living waters, Quench our needs and satisfy our love. That we may come back to you and be sent forth To fill the world with your mercy and grace. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, And by the power of the Holy Spirit who is at work within us, Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MOMENT OF PRIVILEGE

SOLO	<i>Another in the Fire</i>	Sarah Mather, soloist
	Chris Davenport and Joel Hudson	

LESSONS FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE	Genesis 11:1-9
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LESSON FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE	Acts 2:1-21
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MESSAGE	Blah, Blah, Blah.....
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HYMN	Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness	NCH # 286
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PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

CALL TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY	<i>Come Build a Church</i>	Ken Medema
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+DOXOLOGY		NCH #779
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+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN	In the Midst of New Dimensions	NCH #391
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+COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE	<i>Blessed Be the Tie That Binds</i>	NCH #393
	vs. 1 & 3	

POSTLUDE	<i>Fanfare and March</i>
	Henry Purcell/arr. George Blake

Announcements

Serving the church today: Tony Annunziata, Ann Gygax, Russ Hinkley, Bernice Annunziata, Ushers. David Wells, Liturgist. Russ Hinckley, Chimes.

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Bobbie-Lynne Biega DeHart by Deeny McGaughey Bennett.

Today following worship, is our **Annual Meeting**. Stay for lunch, building of community, and to be a part of making important decisions about the church’s future.

Scholarship Sunday is next Sunday, June 15. Come celebrate our graduating high school seniors and make your own Ice Cream Sunday after Church!

Pastor Meredith will be on vacation June 9 – June 30. In case of emergency or pastoral need, please contact the church office or the Rev. Dr. Charlene Bruce.

For the next three Sundays, there will be fresh voices from the pulpit. Sunday, June 15 we welcome Susan Alker, a second- year student at Yale Divinity School. Our own Charlene Bruce will lead us in worship June 22 and 29.

Happy Pentecost! Pentecost is a Christian holiday commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, as described in the Book of Acts. It is considered to be the birthday of the church because it marks the beginning of the church's mission to share the gospel with the world. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to be witnesses and carry out the work of God's realm.

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor
Dr. Jeanette Gross, Minister of Music.
Ms. Maureen Czentnar, Office Manager
Mr. Tony Annunziata, Sexton
Ms. Madison Torre, Coordinator of Sunday School and Youth Ministries