



## Wallingford Workcamp Team

Bringing A Community Together

Prayers requested:

- Area residents to say “yes” to having repairs done to their homes
- Youth and their youth groups to say “yes”, so they come to Wallingford 4<sup>th</sup> of July week 2026

Cosponsors for the event are First Congregational Church and Group Workcamps Home Repair



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To make a gift to First Church



**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

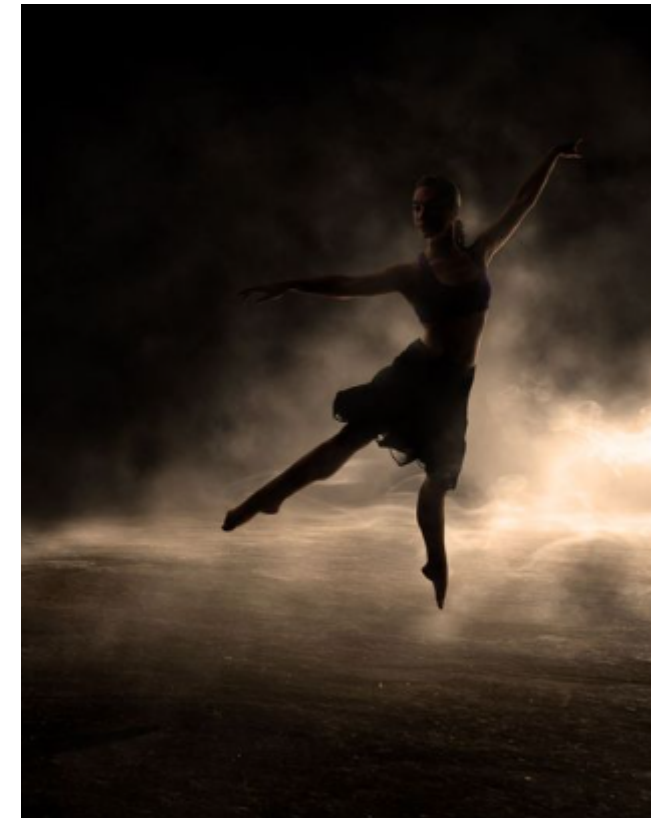
**We will foster spiritual growth, loving communication, and mutual care, thereby empowering us to confront issues that impact our community and the world, including poverty, isolation, and exclusion.**

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 Wallingford, CT



**November 9, 2025**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE     *Sonata in G Minor I. Praeludium festivum*  
Rene L. Becker, op. 40

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC     *Sonata in G Minor IV. Prayer*  
Rene L. Becker, op. 40

CALL TO WORSHIP

Here we are Lord!  
**We come into your house this morning praising your faithfulness, giving thanks for your mercy, and seeking your joy.**  
Thank you for creating us and giving us life and breath today.  
**Thank you for the teachings of your Son, and for the song of the Holy Spirit.**  
Your presence today unites us as your people.  
**Fill us with your peace. Unite us with your joy.**

+HYMN     O How Glorious, Full of Wonder     NCH # 558

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

**Ever Compassionate God, we know you call us to love and to care for all that you have created, but with all that is going on around us, sometimes we feel overwhelmed and confused about where to care first. Is it the environment? Migrant families? Economic inequality? Violence? Educational challenges? Global peace? Should we care for our brothers and sisters who live nearby or halfway around the globe? Sometimes we feel compassion fatigue as we seek to love as you taught us to love and as we seek to be “politically correct” while interpreting Jesus’ command to love one another. As we seek to follow your example of compassion and love, forgive us when we fall short. Help us to breathe into what you are calling us to do and help us to find our own calm center. Remind us that we are not alone in the struggle and help us find joy in the hard realities of living as a child who reflects your light. Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM     *Living Water, Guiding Spirit*  
Words & Music by Joseph M. Martin

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE     Greg Whitehouse

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

THE MESSAGE     Dancing in the Dark

HYMN     Christ is Made the Sure Foundation     NCH #400

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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     *We Are the Body of Christ*     Emily Lund

+DOXOLOGY     NCH #779  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN     We Are Singing in the Light of God     NCH # 526  
(Singing, Praying, Dancing)

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE     *Many and Great*     Tune: Lacquiparle

POSTLUDE     *Sonata in G. Minor V. Toccata*     Rene L. Becker

Announcements

**Welcome to the First Congregational Church of Wallingford, an Open and Affirming Church of the United Church of Christ! No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here! Please join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs in Congregational Hall immediately following the service.**

**Serving the church today** are ushers: Jeremy Phillips, Steve & Cathy Knight, Bruce & Kathy Ollodart; chimes: Rick Voelker

**The flowers on the altar** are given in memory of Barbara and Angelo Tavares by Pam & Mike Savenelli.

The **Art Show** TODAY is a multi-generational display of our congregation’s artwork for our 350<sup>th</sup> celebration year!

Join us for our **Thanksgiving Potluck Sunday, November 23** following worship. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving Side Dish or Dessert. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the Church Office with Name, # of People and what you will be bringing.  
203-265-1691

The Youth Group will be conducting their **Annual Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt** on Sunday, November 23rd from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please set aside items to be picked up and fill out the information form to drop collection plate or drop at office. Thanks from Faith Formation Ministry & Monthly Donation Drive Team.

**Crafting Workshops:** Please join us as we prepare for our Christmas Fair. Upcoming Crafting: Mon. Nov. 10 at 10am; Sat. Nov. 15 at 10am & next Sun. after church. Materials and instruction provided.

**Bible Study** is Tuesdays at 5:30pm see Charlene Bruce for info

**Book Club** is Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng.

**Women’s Fellowship Breakfast** is Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 9-11am at Denise Castelleno’s house RSVP Lori Folk-Barron

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor  
Dr. Jeanette Gross, Minister of Music.  
Search in Process, Office Manager  
Mr. Tony Annunziata, Sexton  
Search in Process, Coordinator of Sunday School and Youth Ministries