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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 Wallingford, CT



**August 3, 2025**

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE *Air “Water Music”*  
George Frideric Handel

# WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *Second Movement of the  
Sonata Pathétique* Ludwig van Beethoven

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!

**For the Holy One redeemed us and sustained us through the time of trouble.**

Give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good!

**For the Compassionate One heard our cry and sustained us through the time of trouble.**

Give thanks to the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**Hallelujah! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!**

+HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy NCH # 277

## PRAYER OF REFLECTION

**Holy God, too often we seem determined to turn away from you. You, however, continually call us to repentance—to turn—back to you and your way. We pray for fortitude to remain on the path set by Jesus and embody the ministry of Christ in the world. Deliver us from the insignificant concerns that distract us and empower us to do the work you have called us to do. Most of all, grant us grace to be the people you have made us to be.**

## SILENT REFLECTION

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM      *Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone*  
Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:1-11

**THE MESSAGE** Is It Time for a New Wardrobe?

## CALL TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY                      *Canon in D*                      Johann Pachelbel

+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                      I Come With Joy                      NCH # 349

## THE COMMUNION

## 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**

HYMN Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult (vss. 1,4,5) NCH # 177

## COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE Blessed Be the Tie That Binds (vss. 1,4) NCH #393

POSTLUDE      *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

## Announcements

**Serving the church today:** Michael May, Heidi Bonassar, Greg Whitehouse, Ushers. Russ Hinckley, Chimes.

**The flowers** on the altar are given with wishes for a Happy Birthday to my daughter Kait by Marilyn Colandrea.

**The ONA Team** invites you to read a book focused on autism this summer and join us to discuss it on Thursday August 21st at 6:30 pm. Snacks will be provided. We are reading **A Little Less Broken: How an Autism Diagnosis Finally Made Me Whole** by Marian Schembari. See you there.

**Summer Craft Workshops** Please have a refreshment after church and join us for craft workshops in Congregation Hall as we prepare for our Christmas Fair. Materials and instruction will be provided. Your ideas are welcome.

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  
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