



First Congregational 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.

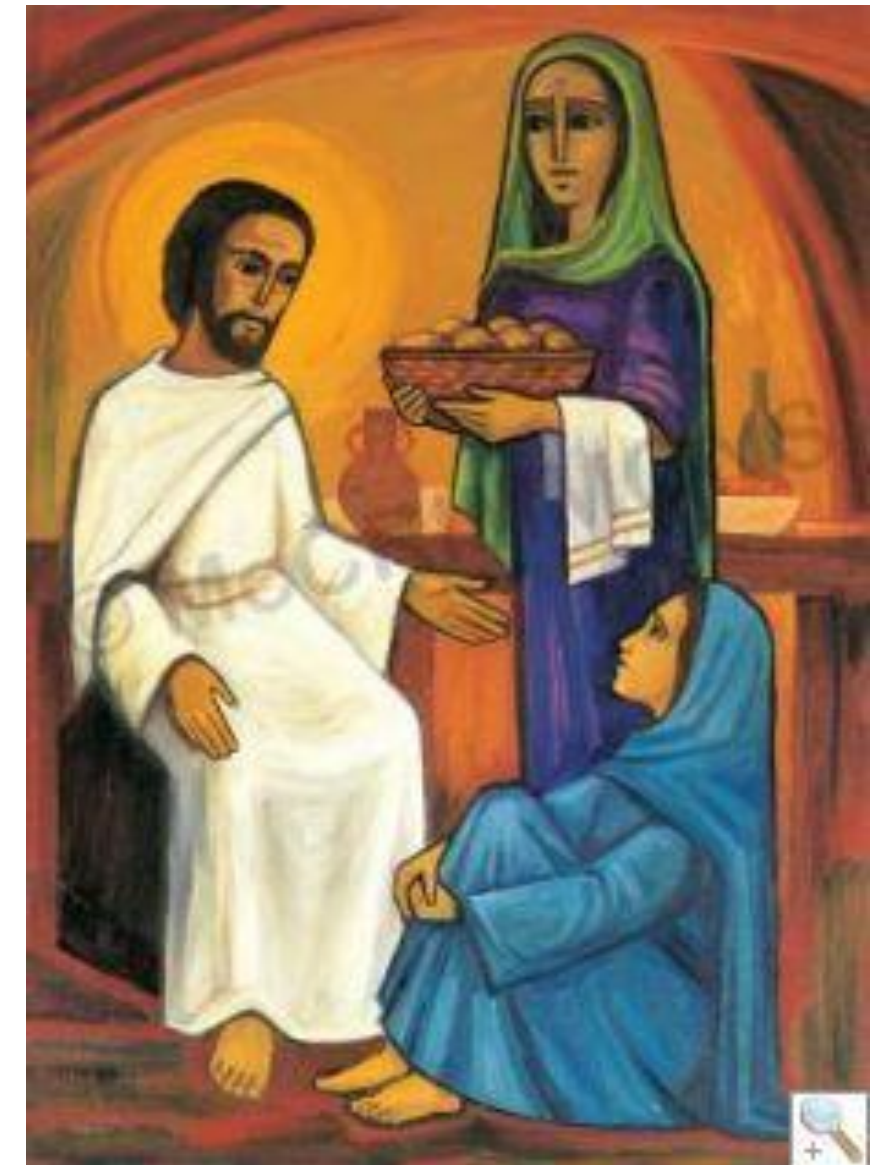
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To make a gift to First Church



March 16, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent
Faith and Works

March 16, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

NCH - New Century Hymnal (Black)

PGM – Pilgrim Hymnal – (Red)

PRELUDE

Adagio in C Minor, Op. 78

Camille Sant-Saens/edited by Rollin Smith

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC

You Are Mine

David Haas/arr. Marianne Kim

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as you are.

If you have deep faith

or your faith has run dry,

if you know every scripture

or none at all,

if you have calloused hands

and live your faith through good works,

or if you kneel at God’s feet,

with a million hungry questions,

come as you are.

This is God’s house.

None are turned away.

All are welcome here.

+HYMN

Let Me Enter God’s Own Dwelling

NCH #67

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, we long to do the “right” thing. We long to

make the “right” choice. We long to stand on the “right”

side of the dividing line. In our earnestness, we

sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us. In our

earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show

love. Show us how to hold our heart’s desire for

perfection loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and

love, over anything else. For even more than our desire

to be right, we desire to be close to you. Show us the

way. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

WORDS OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUTH ANTHEM

Yonder Come Day

Based on the Traditional Sea Islands Spiritual

A READING

Luke 10:38-42

MESSAGE

Faith and Works

+HYMN

Take My Gifts

NCH #562

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

You Are Mine

David Haas/arr. Mark Hayes

+DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Christ, all creatures here below!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore, one God, triune, whom we adore. Amen

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN

Sent Forth By God’s Blessing

NCH #76

+COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

+CHORAL RESPONSE

Do Not Be Afraid I am With You

David Haas

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Theodore Dubois

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 loving memory of David

and Helen Ferguson by Rick and Debby Voelker.

Serving the church today: Tony Annunziata, Ann Gygax, Russ

Hinkley, Bernice Annunziata, Ushers. Ann Gygax, Liturgist.

Bernie Annunziata, Chimes.

A new Bible Study, The Lord of Psalm 23 – Jesus Our

Shepherd, Companion, and Host by David Gibson will meet

Tuesdays, March 11, at 6 pm in the Guild Room. Books are

\$12.The study will be led by the Rev. Dr. Charlene Bruce. All

are welcome.

You are invited to a very special 350th Event, a Tea Party,

Sunday, March 30 at 11:30 am in Congregational Hall. The

afternoon will include tea, delectable delights, conversation, a

display of wedding dresses from the last 100 years, and a

presentation from the Wallingford Historical Society. Space is

limited. Please RSVP to the church office at (203) 265-1691 to

reserve your seat.

New members will the received into the church April 27. If you

would like more information about joining the church as a

member or associate member, speak to Pastor Meredith. (914)

255-1690

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor

Dr. Jeanette Gross, Minister of Music

Ms. Maureen Czentnar, Office Manager

Mr. Tony Annunziata, Sexton

Ms. Maddie Torre, Coordinator Sunday School

and Youth Ministries