

## In Our Prayer

Linda Syphers (friend of Gail Berlepsch)\*\*Louis Pasierello Jr. (friend of Mike and Pam Savenelli)\*\*Michael May (recovering from surgery)\*\*Gail Berlepsch (recovering from surgery)\*\*Jeff Clay (progressive throat cancer, (Tina Caldwell's brother in law)\*\*Gladys Wells\*\*Carolyn Keehan (in Hospice)\*\*Bob Kaden (having neck surgery)\*\*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



**August 25, 2024**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**August 25, 2024**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Sonata in E minor (second movement)*  
Florence B. Price

*To A Wild Rose Op.51, No.1*  
Edward MacDowell

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *O God Beyond All Praising*  
Gustav Holst/arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

+HYMN NCH #5

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

**Patient Lord, we are a culture that wants the quick and easy answers to all of life's problems. We want to be able to open the Bible and place our fingers on the passage that will answer all our questions and heal all our hurts. It is difficult for us to deal with the knowledge that discipleship requires patience and perseverance. Jesus' own disciples struggled with his teachings. It took a long time for them to understand fully what Jesus was saying and how they were to respond. We are no different. The words of Jesus take time for us to comprehend. Forgive us, Lord, when we are so impatient; when we just want to "get on with it", and be where the action is. Help us to understand the commitment we make in discipleship, through the rocky times and the smooth seas alike. Push us in our ministry of help and compassion to do more than we ever thought we could do in helping others. Give to us that extra measure of faith and commitment that we may truly serve you by serving others. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SOLO *God on the Mountain* Tracy G. Dartt  
Dawn Charron, solo

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE I Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-20, 41-43

MESSAGE Uncontainable

HYMN In Solitude NCH # 521

PRAYERS 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.**

CALL TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*  
Phoebe Knapp/arr. Mary McDonald

+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

+HYMN Joys Are Flowing Like a River NCH # 284

+COMMISSION AND BLESSING

RESPONSE *The Trees of the Field*  
Stuart Dauermann

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;**

**there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will  
clap,  
will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap,  
clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)  
while you go out with joy.  
AND SHOUT WHEN YOU GO OUT WITH JOY!**

POSTLUDE *We are Called*  
David Haas/arr. Mark Hayes

**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 JoeAnn and Fred Wallace by Kathy Wallace .

**Serving the church today:** Matt Bushey, Jay Mather, Cheryl Naski, Ushers. Russ Hinckley, Chimes. Lori Fast-Minkema, Liturgist.

**Have you pledged yet?** We are inching closer to our 2024-2025 goal. To date we have received 94 pledges for a total of \$192,248. Please be prayerful in considering what God is calling you to do for your church. Please be generous in your giving. Together, we are changing lives!

**Catch the Spirit** – Sunday, September 15 - 10 AM

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor  
Dr. Jeanette Gross, Minister of Music  
Ms. Maureen Czentnar, Office Manager  
Mr. Tony Annunziata, Sexton