

## In Our Prayers

Family and friends of Claire Fowler who passed away November 12\*\*  
Tina Caldwell\*\*Paul and Melissa Masi and friends mourning the loss of  
Hayden Steinhilper\*\*Traci Wells (family of David Wells)\*\*Kim Baldwin  
(friend of Lori Folk-Barron's friend)\*\*Those recovering from natural  
disasters\*\*Diane Geiss\*\* Shirley Breedlove (Tina Caldwell's mom)\*\*  
Sharon Geil\*\*Sally Coleman\*\* Amanda Otfinoski, victim of a hit and  
run\*\* Megan Perkowski \*\*Alexander Karacsonyi \*\*Cousin Jean Farrell  
and Aunt Joyce Gorsky (the McKenna Family) \*\*A Friend Diagnosed with  
Pancreatic Cancer\*\* Mark and Lynn Bailey (friends of John and Sherry  
Perkowski)\*\* Tim Keogh\*\* Charmaine Craggs\*\* Ashley Sibley (Bernie and  
Tony's great-niece)\*\*Tom Jastermsky\*\* Connie Ferrara (Sue Keogh's  
mom)\*\* 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)\*\* Kyle Denson (friend of Kristen Hinckley)\*\* Sandy  
McCume\*\* Betsy-Sue Eisenman\*\* Hazel Rickes (Kristen Hinckley's  
grandmother) \*\*Anne Stevens (Ken's mother)\*\* Judy and Eric Rickes  
(Kristen Hinckley's parents)\*\*Janice Frey\*\*David Lick\*\* Beverly Lastig\*\*  
Those around the world who live in areas of conflict.



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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



## Twenty-Sixth Sunday

## After Pentecost

**November 19, 2023**



# TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2023

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *KREMSER (We Gather Together)*  
Flor Peeters/ Tune-KREMSER by A. Valerius

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *Spirit Wind*  
John T. Bartsch Jr./Handbells

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

**P: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.**

L: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

**P: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.**

L: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

**P: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.**

+HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People Come PGM #461

CALL TO REFLECTION

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

**Patient Lord, we are rushing headlong into the holiday season, forgetting that the word “holiday” is actually comprised of two words: “holy and day.” Forgive us when we treat the “holiday” as a task and a burden, when we load ourselves down with tasks that do not enhance this day. Help us move past the busyness of the day into the attitude of gratitude we should display for all the many wonders and blessings you have poured on us. Forgive us when we grumble and gripe about the work and do not relish the delight in having family and friends together. Remind us that there are those for whom this day holds little delight and hope. Help us reach out to them with**

**love, listening to their hearts and trying to meet their needs. Cause us to be people of Passion about the love you have given to us and about the joy of serving you by helping others. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.**

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S CHOIR Come and Sing a Song Unto the Lord  
Jennifer Wood, clarinet Dan Edwards

LESSON FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE Luke 17:11-19  
(Pew Bible, NT p. 76)

MESSAGE More Than Manners

HYMN We Plow the Fields and Scatter PGM# 460

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 THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC Look at the World John Rutter

\*THE DOXOLOGY NCH #420

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring,  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing,**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN Great Is Your Faithfulness NCH # 423

+COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

+ RESPONSE All Good Things Around Us A. Schulz

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God*  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

## 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 in loving memory of our moms, Marilyn Perkowski & Millie Shingler, for their November birthdays, from Steve & Pam Perkowski. We were blessed to be their children.

**Serving the church today** are: (8:00) Holly Francke, Charmaine Craggs, Greeters; (10:00) Tony Annunziata, Ann Gyax, Russ Hinkley, Bernice Annunziata, Ushers; Rick Voelker, Chimes.

**Come, Ye Thankful People Come!** to our **Thanksgiving Potluck** following worship this morning! If you are visiting or forgot to bring a dish to share, come as our guest!

Join in the fun of a **Christmas Fair Workshop!** People of all ages are welcome to Congregational Hall to create the project of the day. This week’s times are Sun, Nov 19 and Fri, Nov 24 at 10 am.

**Trevor Project Collection in Memory of Emma May** – ONA and the Mission and Outreach Ministry are coordinating a November collection in memory of Emma May to be sent in her name to The Trevor Project. Emma grew up in our congregation and was an active member of both our Youth Group and Mission Trips. The May family prays that the loss of Emma may reveal the necessity of creating a more compassionate world for all. The collection coincides with Transgender Awareness week and will benefit the Trevor Project. Through crisis services, education, public awareness and advocacy, The Trevor Project strives to support LGBTQ+ youth and to make the world a welcoming, loving place. You can place contributions in the collection plate (please identify as In Memory of Emma May), at the ONA table in Congregational Hall, or donations may also be made on the church’s website online giving page. Please see an Usher for a collection envelope.