

## In Our Prayers

Those impacted by nature's fury\*\*Michael Savanelli (recovering from a heart procedure) \*\*Beth Piascyk\*\*Linda Syphers (friend of Gail Berlepsch)\*\*Louis Pasierello Jr. (friend of Mike and Pam Savenelli)\*\*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\*\*Tina Caldwell\*\*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\*\* 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.

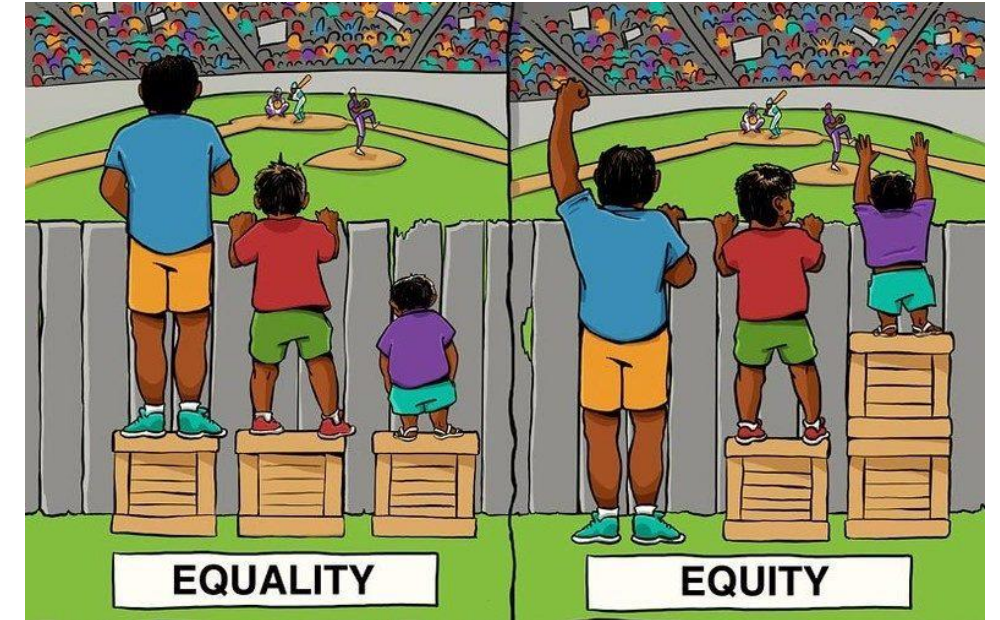
### Mission

***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



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## Oct 20, 2024

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## CHILDREN'S SABBATH

**October 20, 2024**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*  
Scottish tune KELVINGROVE/ setting P.F. Tillen/ arr. Taemin Han

*The Summons*

Jennifer Wood, clarinet, Jeremy Phillips and Bob Westervelt, trombones,  
Jeanette Gross, piano

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *Simple Gifts*  
Adapt. Sydney Carter/arr. Joel Raney/ Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome to our worship today.

**P: We are glad to be here!**

L: Welcome to a special day when we celebrate children.  
Our children, and all God's children.

**P: How do we celebrate?**

L: We sing, dance, hear stories, advocate, and seek justice  
for children near and far.

**P: So let's begin our celebration now! Let us start with  
singing!.**

+SONG Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord!

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

**We thank you, God, for our bonus family, this family we  
call our church. We thank you for the love we share, the  
lessons we learn, the friends we make, and the joy that we  
have in being together. We thank you for always being  
with us in good times and bad. We pray today for the  
children of the world who are hurting. We pray for  
children who are sick, children who don't have enough to  
eat, children who are bullied, children who live with  
violence and war, and children who are sad or afraid. Help**

**us to reach out to and stand up for your children. May we  
freely share your love with others as a beginning of  
healing, justice, and peace. Amen.**

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Da Ku O Nah (I See You)

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Isaiah 6:11

ANTHEM *I'll Hold You in My Heart* Mark Burrows  
Alijah Hollingsworth and Kyla Nesto, soloists

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29:11

REFLECTION WITH THE CHILDREN ON CHILDREN'S SABBATH

*Doing What's Right* Mark Burrows  
Ryan Phillips, Kyla Nesto, soloists

*I Will Stand* Mark Burrows  
Ryan Phillips, Kyla Nesto

CALL TO PRAYER Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (insert)

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 *Strong* Kyla Nesto, solo  
Anne Wilson, Matthew West and Jeffrey Pardo

+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 All Things Bright and Beautiful NCH # 31

+COMMISSION AND BLESSING

RESPONSE *The Trees of the Field*  
Text: Steffi Geiser Ruben/Music: Stuart Dauermann

POSTLUDE *Worthy* Mark Burrows  
Youth and Chancel Choirs

**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 memory of Jeanne Reed and Joan Lee by Jennifer & Benjamin Hally.

**Serving the church today:** Roy Cannon, Louise Zemina, Kathy Filkins, Rick Voelker, and Jeremy Phillips, Ushers. Rick Voelker, Chimes. Malakai Chadderton, Percussionist.

Today is **Children's Sabbath**, a Sunday when we celebrate our children and advocate for them and their future. Children's Sabbath is a program of the Children's Defense Fund.

**Come and learn about Congregationalism and the United Church of Christ, TODAY** at 11:30 in the Guild Room. Ken Minkema will help us uncover the history of Congregationalism and the United Church of Christ. This offering will allow us to learn more about our history and newcomers as they prepare for membership. All are welcome!

Would you like to **Become a member of FCCW?** New members will be received November 10. If you would like to learn more about membership and joining the church, speak to Pastor Meredith or call her at (914) 255-1690.

**CHRISTMAS CARD CONNECTION 2024 - Our 5<sup>th</sup> year!!**

We will be meeting on the following dates to sign and address Christmas cards to people on our list of those in need of special Christmas greetings and love. Tues., Oct. 29, 10am -11:30am  
Tues., Nov. 5, 10am - 11:30am  
Tues., Nov.12, 10am -11:30am  
Please plan on coming to Congregational Hall for this fun, chatty short time and *make a difference* by addressing and signing some cards. All cards and envelopes, return address stamp, stamps and some pens will be provided. Questions? Contact Sandy Weekes (203) 233-7269.

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Lord, listen to your children praying  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to your children praying  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**Trees of the Field**

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

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