

In Our Prayers

Those impacted by nature's fury**Michael Savanelli (preparing for a heart procedure)**Beth Piascy**Linda Syphers (friend of Gail Berlepsch)**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**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



October 6, 2024

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

Worldwide Communion Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Fantasia*
Johann Pachelbel
David Lasky
Variations of "Morning Song"

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *Stay with Us* arr. Bernard Wayne Sanders

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: If you are hungry, there is room at God's table.

P: If you are weary, there is a seat saved for you.

L: If you dream of belonging, then we will practice belonging here.

P: From north, south, east, and west, God invites us home.

L: Let us worship our welcoming and nourishing God.

+HYMN In Christ There Is No East or West

NCH # 395

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Creator God, we hear your invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves, to live like we belong to one another. And yet, what is out of sight is often out of mind. Forgive us for training our hearts to focus only on what is in front of us. Forgive us for ignoring the tie that binds us to all of creation. Forgive us for assuming that you being with us means you can't be with others too. Our gaze has been too narrow. Open our hearts. Expand our understanding. Help us to celebrate the many places you are present in this world. Remind us of the ties that bind us to all of creation. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM *Celtic Communion* arr. Mark Hayes

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14,
26-27

MESSAGE

+HYMN For the Healing of the Nations

NCH # 576

CALL TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY *In Remembrance*
Burl Red

+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

THE COMMUNION

This is the Table of the Lord and all who wish to receive here are welcome!

This morning you are invited to come forward to receive communion. An usher will invite you forward beginning in the back of the church. You will come forward down the center aisle, receive the bread and cup with a blessing, partake on your own, and return to your seat via the side aisles. If you prefer to receive the Sacrament at your seat, remain seated and raise your hand, and a Sacramental Ministers will bring the Sacrament to you.

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

+HYMN Let There Be Peace on Earth (insert) CHL
#677

+COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Bind Us Together*
Bob Gillman

POSTLUDE *Postlude in G Major* Georg
Frederic Handel

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 by Millie Kabel in loving memory of my amazing grandmother, Jasmina Rodriguez, who is missed very much.

Serving the church today: Matt Bushey, Cheryl Naski, and Deanna Holloway, Ushers. Sarah Mather, Bob Westervelt, Kathy Filkins, Dawn Charron, Louise Zemina, and Ken Minkema, Sacramental Ministers. Debbie Clark, Chimes.

Come and learn about Congregationalism and the United Church of Christ, Sunday October 20 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 help newcomers to the church to learn more about our history and others 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

Our Neighbors in Need Offering will be received this morning, October 6. This year's focus is good mental health for all! Please give generously!

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor
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