

In Our Prayer

Tay Arrow Sherman and sons Emerset and Oz (Dawn Charron's niece)
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** **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



September 22, 2024

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

September 22, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Suite Gothique* Leon Boellmann

WELCOME

Rev. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor Lori Folk-Baron, Co-Moderator
Madison Torre, Coordinator Sunday School and Youth Ministries

CENTERING MUSIC *Melody* Brenda Portman

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

L: Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

P: Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

L: Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

P: Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness. AMEN.

+HYMN I Sing the Mighty Power of God NCH #12

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

O God, we live our lives as best we can— dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM *We See the Mountains Lifted High Before Us*
LONDONDERRY/ AIR/arr. Hal H. Hopson/ Chancel Choir

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE Romans 12:1-13

MESSAGE Charge

HYMN Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant? NCH # 539

COMMISSIONING OF OUR MINISTRY COORDINATORS

CALL TO PRAYER Spirit of the Living God NCH # 283

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 *Love Has Broken Down the Wall*
Mark A. Miller/ Chancel Choir

+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 Lead Us From Death to Life NCH # 581

+COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *God Be With You*
Thomas A. Dorsey and Artelia W. Hutchins

POSTLUDE *Shine, Jesus, Shine* David Blackwell

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 Connie and Hank Peters and Olive Whitehouse by Sharon and Greg Whitehouse.

Serving the church today: Bob Blakeslee, Bob Westervelt, John Lenox, Bill Zemina, Ushers. Bob Westervelt, Chimes.

Come and learn about the Storied History of the First Congregational Church of Wallingford next Sunday, September 29 at 11:30 in the Guild Room. Bob Westervelt will be our storyteller. On October 20, Ken Minkema will help us uncover the history of Congregationalism and the United Church of Christ. These offerings 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

popcorn, Popcorn, POPCORN! Get your FREE POPCORN!!! Help us share the GREAT NEWS of OUR CHURCH during CELEBRATE WALLINGFORD! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED to work at the Popcorn Tent during this wonderful COMMUNITY EVENT. Please see KATHY WALLACE or HOLLY FRANCKE to sign up and LET'S GET POPPING!!!!

Our Neighbors in Need Offering will be received on World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 6. For more information see the Spire or next Sunday's bulletin.

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