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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:

<u>Vision</u>

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.

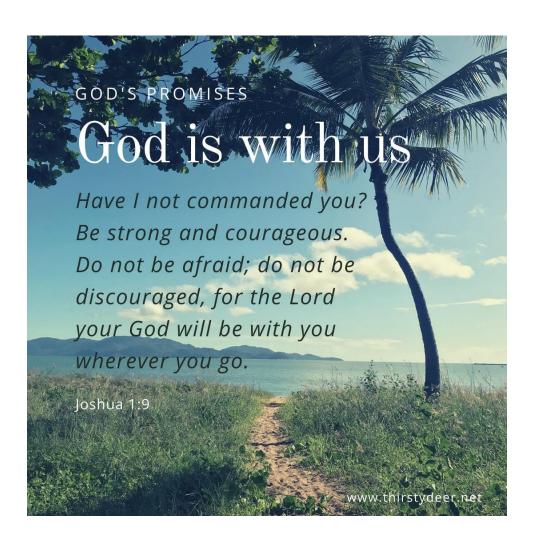
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First Congregational Church Wallingford, CT



August 10, 2025

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please rise in body or in spirit NCH = New Century Hymnal (Black)

PRELUDE Immortal Invisible Larry Shackley

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC A Flowered Remembered

John Rutter

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 9)

I will praise the Lord with my whole heart I will show forth God's marvelous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in the Lord
I will sing praise to the Lord Most High

The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed And aid those in trouble.

We put our trust in God

For those who seek the Lord will not be forsaken.

God is with us always and loves us always.

Let us worship God.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

NCH # 12

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

+HYMN

All Loving God, show us that we are not alone in our journey though life. Show us that we may lean on you for love and support in good times and in bad. Teach us to listen and look for signs of love and guidance in our daily lives and appreciate the "little wins." While it may be hard sometimes to recognize your presence, let us not forget how you watch over all we do. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM My Lighthouse

Gareth Gilkerson and Chris Llewellyn/arr. Dan Galbraith Kyla Nesto, Jeremy Phillips, vocalists Ryan Phillips, percussion

READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

THE MESSAGE Sydney Drumheller

MUSICAL REFLECTION You'll Never Walk Alone
From Carousel by Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein
Arr. By Gerry and the Pacemakers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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 Will You Come and Follow Me?

KELVINGROVE/arr. John Bell & Gary Daigle

+DOXOLOGY NCH #779

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN Glory, Glory Hallelujah NCH # 2

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE Go Now in Peace CHL #437

Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you. Everywhere, everywhere, You may go.

POSTLUDE Lift High the Cross

Larry Shackley

Announcements

Serving the church today: Bob Blakeslee, Bob Westervelt, John Lenox, Bill Zemina, Ushers. Debbie Clark, Chimes. Sydney Drumheller, Faith Story Speaker. Meredith Jeffers, Liturgist. Kyla Nesto, Jeremy Phillips, and Ryan Phillips, Musicians.

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of my great aunt, Joan Lee by Jen Hally.

The ONA Team invites you to read a book focused on autism this summer and join us to discuss it on Thursday August 21st at 6:30 pm. Snacks will be provided. We are reading **A Little Less Broken:** How an Autism Diagnosis Finally Made Me Whole by Marian Schembari. See you there.

Summer Craft Workshops Please have a refreshment after church and join us for craft workshops in Congregation Hall as we prepare for our Christmas Fair. Materials and instruction will be provided. Your ideas are welcome.

Mission and Outreach Ministry will be sponsoring a BACK TO SCHOOL Drive on SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 9am to 11:00 am. We are looking for any type of school supplies (pre-school thru high school) and assorted size Backpacks for boys and girls (pre-school thru high school). Donated supplies will be going to the Wallingford Youth and Social Services. Monetary donations are also gratefully appreciated and can be dropped off at collection date or the Church Office any time. To submit donation online use the School Supplies/Backpack Drive button on Church website: https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z3ZD/home

A collection box for items will be in Congregational Hall starting August 10^{th} as well as the morning drive thru drop off in the back of Church on August 16^{th} .If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering for mission drives, please contact Louise Zemina at 203-988-2517 or louisezem@aol.com

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