



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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To make a gift to First Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP		
+ Please rise in body or in spirit NCH = New Century Hymnal (Black)		
PRELUDE	<i>Immortal Invisible</i>	Larry Shackley
WELCOME		
CENTERING MUSIC	<i>A Flowered Remembered</i>	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.		
+HYMN	I Sing the Mighty Power of God	NCH # 12
PRAYER OF REFLECTION		
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	<i>My Lighthouse</i>	
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	<i>You’ll Never Walk Alone</i>	
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	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me?</i>	
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	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	CHL #437
Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you. Everywhere, everywhere, You may go.		
POSTLUDE	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	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	
Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor Dr. Jeanette Gross, Minister of Music. Ms. Maureen Czentnar, Office Manager Mr. Tony Annunziata, Sexton Ms. Madison Torre, Coordinator of Sunday School and Youth Ministries	