

In Our Prayer

Alicia Morse**Michael May (recovering from surgery)**Those mourning the death of Tina Marcoux, (niece of Dawn Charron)** Gail Berlepsch (recovering from surgery)**Jeff Clay (progressive throat cancer, Tina Caldwell's brother in law)**Gladys Wells** Doug Jameson (friend of Bob Blakeslee)**Carolyn Keehan (in Hospice)**Bob Kaden (having neck surgery)**Lucille Blakeslee (recovering from a stroke)Those mourning the death of Fran Rice**Andrew (brain cancer)** Friends of Cynthia Bruestche** Healing for Justin Weekes, son of Sandy Weekes**Those impacted by nature's fury** Tina Caldwell** Kim Baldwin (Lori Folk-Barron's friend **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** Holly Arce (Daughter-in-law of Manuael Arce and Deborah Sinon)** 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



July 14, 2024

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Great Are You Lord
Jason Ingram & David Leonard

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *Nothing But the Blood* Robert Lowry

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, sing and dance before the Lord.

P: Praise God with the sound of music and dancing!

L: Let every soul sing God's praises!

P: Let the mountains tremble and the seas roar!

L: Praise the King of glory who guides our lives.

P: Praise the Lord of hosts who watches over us.

+HYMN Enter, Rejoice, and Come In NCH # 73

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

In the midst of our "summer" lives, O Lord, so many things have claimed our attention. We worked hard this year to earn a little rest and recreation, to break away from the stresses of our everyday living. But in the midst of all this change, we have too often pushed our worship of you aside. We have focused so much on our needs for physical change and peace that we have neglected our spiritual hungers and thirst. Forgive us when we are tempted to stray from our worship of you and focus entirely on ourselves and our own needs. As we celebrate this day, help us to remember all the wondrous things you continue to do for us. Let us look at the world as a place of delight. And when we encounter situations in which sorrow and hurt abound, help us to be ready to bring hope and peace. Be with us in this warm days of summer, preparing us for ministry and mission, in your holy name. AMEN.

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace*
Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio

BAPTISM

HYMN Child of Blessing, Child of Promise NCH #325

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

MESSAGE Dancing With David

HYMN We Are Marching in the Light of God NCH #526

PRAYER 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

+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 Lord of the Dance (insert) GTG # 157

+COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *May the Road Rise to Meet You*
Noel Stookey/arr. Sylvia Chapa Holly Francke & Marj Martin

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major
Johann Sebastian Bach

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 our parents by Rick and Debby Voelker.

Serving the church today: Matt Bushey, Jay Mather, Cheryl Naski, Ushers. Charlene Bruce and Holly Francke, Sacramental Ministers. Bob Westervelt, Chimes. Dawn Charron, Liturgist. Paul Masi, Pianist and Soloist.

It is a joy to receive **Zahra McFadden** into Christ's church through the **Sacrament of Baptism**. Zahra, born September 29, 2023 is the daughter of Lida and Perry Mc Fadden, and the sister of Luna. Ben Oster and Casey Comp are her Godparents.

Have you pledged yet? We are still close to \$40,000 short of our 2024-2025 goal. Please be prayerful in considering what God is calling you to do for your church. Please be generous in your giving. Together, we are changing lives!

Join us Sunday August 4, after worship to **Celebrate the Ministry of Kayla Perkowski** to our Children and Youth! After many years of teaching and leading in our Sunday School and Youth Program, Kayla has resigned to pursue new interests.

Musication organ introduction for children and youth:

August 19-22 (Mon.-Thurs) 12 noon to 2 p.m. for children entering grades 3-9. Registration forms will be available Sundays in church school and on the piano in congregational hall and in a MailChimp. What will we be doing? Finding out how the organ produces various sounds exploring the physical set up of the organ from the blowers in the church basement to the chambers where the pipes are and much more.

Catch the Spirit Sunday, September 15!

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor
Dr. Jeanette Gross, Minister of Music
Ms. Maureen Czentnar, Office Manager
Mr. Tony Annunziata, Sexton
Ms. Kayla Perkowski, Acting Coordinator of Sunday School
and Youth Ministries