

## In Our Prayer

Linda Syphers (friend of Gail Berlepsch)\*\*Louis Pasierello Jr. (friend of Mike and Pam Savenelli)\*\*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 Manuel 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 21, 2024

## NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**July 21, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Moonlight Sonata Op.27, No.2 First Movement*  
Ludwig von Beethoven

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *Great is Your Faithfulness*  
William M. Runyan/arr. Phillip Keveren

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, out of your busy lives to a quiet time and place

**P: Our souls thirst for some peace and quiet.**

L: Come, and rest in the Lord who will restore your souls.

**P: Our lives need moments of rest.**

L: Come and find the quiet center. Come, be at peace.

**P: Praise God who offers to us a shelter and resting place.**

**AMEN.**

+HYMN From All That Dwell Below the Skies NCH # 27

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

**Patient God, we wait all year for the summer months when we can rest and relax. Our schedules change from the demands of weekly living, to times which are supposed to be devoted to leisure. But we have redefined leisure to mean a flurry of activities. We need some time to rest, to sit quietly and listen to the beautiful sounds of the world. Forgive us when we are determined to crowd every moment of our lives with activity. Help us to find a quiet center with you where we can just relax and not try to get everything done as though life was some sort of a contest. Give us peace for a little while. Refresh our souls so that we can truly serve you, not out of exhaustion but out of enthusiasm. Be with us this day, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

DUET *The Prayer* Holly Francke & Marj Martin  
Carole Bayer Sager & David Foster

LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

MESSAGE Fringes

HYMN Come to Me, You Weary NCH #484

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 *El Shaddai*  
Michael Card & John Thompson/arr. Phillip Keveren

+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 Sent Forth By God's Blessing NCH # 76

+COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *Sonata in D Major-Finale*  
Franz Joseph Haydn

**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 honor of and with gratitude for the Settled Minister Search and Call Team by the Congregation. We are thankful for your time, your service, and your talents. We uplift you and pray for the Spirit to fill and sustain you as you work on behalf of this Congregation.

**Serving the church today:** Bob Westervelt, Tina Caldwell, Greeters; Tony Annunziata, Ann Gygax, Russ Hinkley, Bernice Annunziata, Ushers. Bernie Annunziata, Chimes.

**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