

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)**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)**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 28, 2024

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Air in F Major
George Frideric Handel

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *Cannon in D* Johann Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We call upon the Holy One, who is near to us. We testify to your power to make your kingdom known among creation.

All: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

One: We speak of the glory of your miraculous acts, your abiding presence, and your abundant love.

All: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

One: With justice and grace, with hope and mercy, with abundance and discernment, you sustain those in need, you uphold those who have been broken, and you satisfy those who seek a better way.

All: All your works shall give thanks to you, Holy One, and all your faithful shall bless you.

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

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

You know how we are, Lord. We say that we will take time to refresh our spirits and our souls and then we quickly crowd our lives with activities to the point of exhaustion. We turn to you for feeding and nurture, asking you to give us something to sustain us through our times. We even are willing to tell you what we have, but when we look closely, we discover that we bring so little to you. Take what we have, our gifts and our needs. Heal and forgive us when we boldly disobey your word. Remind us that you have given to us all that we need to serve you in this

world. The world abounds with your miracles of love and hope. Open our eyes to see them and our hearts to know that these are from you and not of our own making. Heal and restore us to your everlasting love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANTHEM *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)* Matt Crocker

LESSON FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE John 6:1-21

MESSAGE

HYMN Spirit of the Living God NCH #283

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 *I Worship You Almighty God* Sondra Corbett

+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 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less NCH # 403

+COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*
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 recognition and celebration of our 24th anniversary by Tony and Bernie Annunziata.

Serving the church today: Bob Westervelt, Greeter; Roy Cannon, Louise Zemina, Kathy Filkins, Rick Voelker, Ushers. Rick Voelker, 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
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Ms. Kayla Perkowski, Acting Coordinator of Sunday School and Youth Ministries