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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 Wallingford, CT



July 6, 2025

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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# WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to our Lord:  
**who heals us and makes us whole.**

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God:  
**whose joy rises in our lives each and every day.**

Sing praises to our Lord, faithful children of God;  
give thanks to God's holy name:  
**God's Kingdom is near to us; God's peace resides in our hearts.**

+HYMN	In the Cross of Christ I Glory (v. 1,3, 4, 5)	NCH# 193
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PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Holy One, why is it that we can grow so weary of doing what is right, yet always energetically do that which we know is harmful to us and others? We sow seeds of hurt and anger, and wonder why we harvest so much bitterness. We spend too much time comparing ourselves to those around us, and too few moments in following Christ's example. Rather than letting our sins gloat over us, Healing God, we would open ourselves to your mercy and grace. As you reach out to heal us with your forgiveness, may we embrace your love, your mercy, your grace for our lives. As you pour out your Spirit of gentleness, may we bring the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to all the world. Amen.

## SILENT REFLECTION

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## BLESSING PRAYER SHAWLS AND OUR MISSION TEAM

HYMN      Sent Forth With God's Blessing      NCH #76

SOLO *Whispering Hope*  
Alice Hawthorne/ Dawn Charron, Soloists

READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE Galatians 6:1-16

## THE MESSAGE

### Doing What Is Right

## CALL TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY *One Bread, One Body*  
John Foley, SJ/arr. Mark Hayes

+DOXOLOGY NCH #779

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN            As We Gather at Your Table            NCH #332

## THE COMMUNION

This is the Table of the Lord and all who wish to receive here are welcome. You will receive first the bread and then the juice. Please hold each until all are served so we might partake together. Water and rice cakes are offered for those who prefer.

## 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**

+HYMN I Am the Light of the World NCH #584

## COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *All Is Well with My Soul, vs 1* NCH #438

POSTLUDE *Lift Up Your Voice and Sing*  
Rosamund Johnson

## Announcements

**Serving the church today:** Jeremy Phillips, Steve & Cathy Knight, Bruce & Katherine Ollodart, Ushers. Kathy Filkins, Kathy Wallace, and Louise Zemina, Sacramental Ministers. Dawn Charron, Soloist. Rick Voelker, Chimes.

**The flowers** on the altar are given in memory of Joan Smith by Delbert Smith and family.

**Summer Sunday School** presents **Walking on Water: The Miracles and Mysteries of the Bible**. Join us on July 13, 20 & 27.

**SNEAKERS FOR SCOW** - The Monthly Drives Team of the Mission & Outreach Ministry in partnership with the Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW) is collecting **NEW** sneakers for SCOW families in need. Prefer to make a monetary donation? Store gift cards (e.g.. Walmart, Target, Kohl's) and other monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted the day of the drive or at any point before the drive. Sneakers will be collected on **Saturday, July 19, 2025 - Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am**. This is a drive-up, drop-off event at the rear of the church. As always, your donations are greatly appreciated! **COMING SOON:** A Sign-Up Genius link with a list of shoes that are needed, giving you the chance to sign up for a particular shoe. The link will be provided in a future email. Questions? Please contact David Wells at [detawells@sbcglobal.net](mailto:detawells@sbcglobal.net) or 203-599-5422.

**Mission Trip 2025 Scranton**, July 20-26, FCCW participants are Sam Haddad, Erica Haddad and Lorraine Westervelt. In a world filled with pressure from school, social media, and division, this year's theme, **"illuminate,"** invites them to discover Jesus as the unstoppable Light (John 1:1–18). His Light brings clarity, purpose, and hope—shining through every challenge and never fading. As we explore what it means to carry that Light, we'll see that faith isn't just something we do—it's who we are. Please keep their work in your prayers.

**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.

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