



# First Congregational Church Wallingford, CT

**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

**May 11, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*  
Tune: HOUSTON/arr. Robert Train Adams

CENTERING MUSIC *Stay with Us*  
Arr. Bernard Wayne Sanders

**Powerful and Merciful God, you have blessed us abundantly, and we have complained. You have linked our lives with others, and we have abused their trust. We have despised our birthright and misused your blessing. We have left undone many tasks you have set before us, while pursuing passions and pleasures that have become our gods. We have strayed so far from the truth that we find truth hard to recognize. We are sinners with no place to turn but your compassion and grace. We ask for forgiveness, and strength to lead a new life in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE      *Toccata in F Major*      Dietrich Buxtehude

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor  
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