

## In Our Prayers

Those impacted by nature's fury\*\*Michael Savanelli (recovering from a heart procedure) \*\*Beth Piascyk\*\*Linda Syphers (friend of Gail Berlepsch)\*\*Louis Pasierello Jr. (friend of Mike and Pam Savenelli)\*\*Jeff Clay (progressive throat cancer, (Tina Caldwell's brother in law)\*\*Gladys Wells\*\*Carolyn Keehan (in Hospice)\*\*Bob Kaden (having neck surgery)\*\*Andrew (brain cancer)\*\* Friends of Cynthia Bruestche\*\* Healing for Justin Weekes, son of Sandy Weekes\*\*Tina Caldwell\*\*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\*\* 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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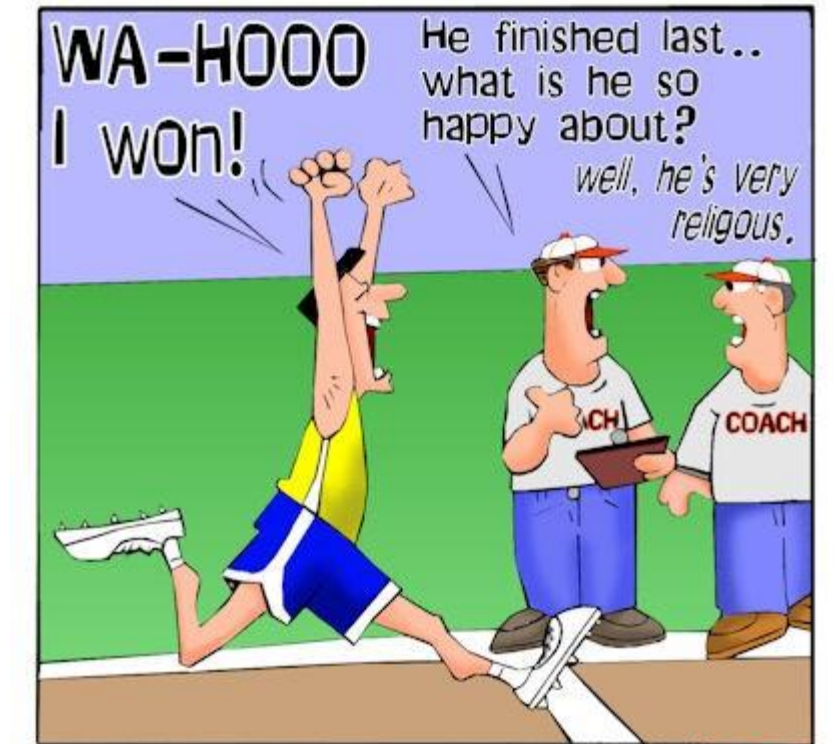
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# First Congregational Church

## The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



The first shall be last, and the last.. first. Mt. 20:16

## Oct 13, 2024

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**October 13, 2024**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Christian Women, Christen Men*  
Emma Lou Diemer

*O God of Every Nation*  
Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*  
Harry Thacker / Burleigh/Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Welcome to worship today. Bring your joys and sorrows to the Lord.

**P: We come from busy lives, filled with a host of challenges and blessings.**

L: Give your fears to the Lord, for God will heal your souls.

**P: Praise to God who listens to our cries and heals us.**

L: Open your ears and your hearts to the Lord.

**P: We open our lives to do God's will. AMEN.**

+HYMN O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing NCH # 42

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

**Lord, we look for you in the wrong places. We put our trust in material things. We worry about things we cannot change. We wonder if you are even there at all. For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us. For all the ways we have neglected your word and ignored your people, forgive us. Do not be far from us, Lord. There is no one else we can turn to for help. Renew our fickle hearts and help us put our trust in you. Amen.**

MOMENT OF QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

ANTHEM *Grace Alone*  
Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson/arr. Tom Fettke

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE Mark 10:17-31

MESSAGE Go To the End Of The Line

+HYMN When God is a Child (insert) CHL # 132

PRAYERS 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 *Be Still*  
Mary McDonald/ Chancel Choir

+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 Take My Life, God, Let It Be NCH # 448

+COMMISSION AND BLESSING

RESPONSE *O God You Are My God* David Stasser

POSTLUDE *We Are Called to Be God's People*  
TUNE: Franz Joseph Haydn/arr. Joel Raney

**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 memory of my father, Anthony Swinarski by Kathy Ollodart and the Ollodart family.

**Serving the church today:** Tony Annunziata, Ann Gyax, Russ Hinckley, and Bernie Annunziata. Russ Hinckley, Chimes.

Next Sunday is **Children's Sabbath**, a Sunday when we celebrate our children and advocate for them and their future. Children's Sabbath is a program of the Children's Defense Fund. In celebration of Children's Sabbath we will all worship together in a child friendly service. Nursery care will be available if needed.

**Come and learn about Congregationalism and the United Church of Christ, Sunday October 20** at 11:30 in the Guild Room. Ken Minkema will help us uncover the history of Congregationalism and the United Church of Christ. This offering will help newcomers to the church to learn more about our history and others as they prepare for membership. All are welcome!

Would you like to **Become a member of FCCW?** New members will be received November 10. If you would like to learn more about membership and joining the church, speak to Pastor Meredith or call her at (914) 255-1690

Today the Westervelt Family celebrates as daughter, Katelyn Westervelt marries Tim Longueira in Southington. The Rev. Connor Filkins is the officiant. Let us rejoice with the Westervelt family as they celebrate this special day!

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Pastor  
Dr. Jeanette Gross, Minister of Music  
Ms. Maureen Czentnar, Office Manager  
Mr. Tony Annunziata, Sexton  
Ms. Maddie Torre, Coordinator Sunday School  
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