



### **Our Mission and Vision Statement:**

***We are a church where all are welcome to worship together, to share in fellowship and to grow spiritually in our journey with Christ. We value justice, diversity, and freedom of expression. We strive to serve our community and all God's creation and to spread the love of God to all people.***

**Welcome members, friends, and visitors to our service this morning!**

If you are a guest with us in worship, we invite you to sign our guest register and/or fill out a visitor card. Activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for children who are with us in worship. Sunday school is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

### **Leading in worship today:**

Guest Minister Rev. T Colorio

Deacon: Chris Showalter

Reader: Mary Deotte

Guest Musician: Stephen Page

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### ***Prayer Requests***

*Would you like to ask for prayers for someone? ~~There are slips on the rear table and a basket to place them in. A deacon will share them with the pastor. Please see a deacon with any questions.~~*

### **January 19<sup>th</sup> – A Special Open and Affirming Exploration Meeting**

Please plan to stay after our service next Sunday as our ONA Committee has a special presentation to share. Kathie Carpenter from the ONA Coalition of the UCC will make a presentation on *Open & Affirming What, Why & How* and there will be a chance for all of your questions to be answered. Snacks will be served! Please plan to stay, learn and support your O & A Exploration Committee!

# *The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield United Church of Christ*

*January 12, 2025  
10 a.m.*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Congregational Announcements

Karen Murphy

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Pastoral Greeting

*Words in **bold** are to be spoken in unison.*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Call to Worship [from Psalm 29]

Mary Deotte

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty  
waters.

People: **The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.

People: **The voice of the Lord shakes the desert.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.

People: **The Lord gives strength to his people;  
the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

ALL: **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is  
enthroned as King forever. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Mary Deotte

**Creator of the universe, we gather amazed at your power and  
glory, eager to worship you and offer our praise. We sing our  
songs of tribute in the sanctuary and thank you for renewing  
us with the power of your ever-present love. Amen.**

\*Hymn

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

#355

Call to Offering and Offertory Music

~ (Offering plates are in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your  
gifts; you may place them in the plates during the music)

\*Doxology

No. 34 (Old 100th)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit  
evermore; One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

Blessing of Offering

Youth Message

Reading of Scripture Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Mary Deotte

Response: **Word of God, Word of Life, Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

"I Will Be With You Always"

Pastor T

\*Hymn

"Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

#655

Prayers of the People

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

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

#719

Benediction (please be seated)

Postlude