



### **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: Pat Jackman

Reader: Karen Murphy

Guest Musician: Stephen Page

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### ***Prayer Requests***

*Would you like to ask for prayers for someone? You may write your request in the red prayer book on the table located in the back of the sanctuary. A deacon will share them with the pastor. Please see a deacon with any questions.*

### **Coffee & Fellowship**

Please join us today as we enjoy coffee, tea and simple treats during our weekly coffee hour after our service. Our thanks to the Music Committee for preparing it for us today.

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

*January 26, 2025  
10 a.m.*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Congregational Announcements

Karen Murphy

Pastoral Greeting

Prelude and Candle Lighting

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

\*Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)

Karen Murphy

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God

**People: May our worship reflect God's glory.**

Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

**People: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.**

Leader: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

**People: We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.**

Leader: With Christians across geography and across time,

**All: Let us worship our God!**

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Karen Murphy

**In this holy place, let us remember that the God who calls us to mission also calls us to feasting and dancing. May the one who turned water into wine turn our tedium into festival, and show us how to alternate between commitment and carnival. May God's will be done here where we live; and may impossible things come to pass. May we find strength in the journey and communion in the struggle, through the grace of God, Amen.**

\*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #48

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

John 2:1-11

Karen Murphy

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

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

**"Hope Is Found at the Bottom Of Life"**

\*Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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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

"Rock of Ages"

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Benediction (please be seated)

Postlude