



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 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Leading in worship today:

Guest Minister Rev. T Colorio

Deacon: Chris Showalter

Reader: Al Randall

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.

Annual Meeting & Luncheon – TODAY!!!

Our 2025 Annual Meeting will be held immediately following our service this morning. Please plan to enjoy a delicious pot luck luncheon and then stay for the meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield United Church of Christ

*February 23, 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

Al Randall

Leader: Beloved, the Savior calls to you. Will you follow?

People: God, help us leave everything and follow.

Leader: Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path. Will you follow?

People: God, help us leave everything and follow.

Leader: Jesus calls us to shift our priorities, to leave behind the baggage of prejudice and the grasping for position so we can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will you follow?

People: God, help us leave everything and follow.

Leader: Beloved, receive this good news: you are not alone! Today we answer Christ's call together!

ALL: God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love everywhere we go! Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Al Randall

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that word again, so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

*Hymn "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" #581

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 5:1-11

Al Randall

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

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

Pastor T

"Put Out Into the Deep Water... and Let Down Your Nets"

*Hymn

"The Summons"

#350

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

"Lord of the Dance"

#118

Benediction (please be seated)

Postlude