



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.

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.

Asparagus Festival – May 17th

Festival Planning Committee will meet today after our service.

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The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield United Church of Christ

March 30, 2025

10 a.m.



**The Fourth Sunday in Lent
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

Linda Daskowski

O Lord, open our lips,

and our mouths will declare your praise.

In the beginning, God shaped our souls and set the weave;

God formed our bodies and gave us breath.

Renew us this day in the image of your love, O God.

Create in us a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation,

and sustain in us a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:15, 10 & 12

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Linda Daskowski

God of the spirit of kindness, in the glory of earth and sea

and stars, in the patterns of humor and tenderness and

touch, we celebrate your generosity. Forgive us when we

forget the gift in our every breath, the care that sustains our

every moment, the grace that can transform our every day.

Set us free from the prison of grudging hearts, mean desires,

resentful spirits. Give us the courage to act with justice and

generosity, and draw us into love that does not calculate or

keep score.

✠ Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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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

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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

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Linda Daskowski

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Response:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

“Welcome Home”

The Rev. Dennis TeBeest

✠ Hymn

“Restore in Us, O God”

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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

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

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Benediction

(please be seated)

Postlude