


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



*June 22, 2025  
10 a.m.*

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

 *Please stand as you are able.*

Congregational Announcements

Karen Murphy

**Pastoral Greeting**

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Wyatt St. Germain

We are children of God:

**Called to praise, and to bless, and to show mercy.**

We are citizens of a nation:

**Called to care, and to respond, and to share our freedom.**

We are members of a community:

**Called to know each other, and accept each other,  
and to welcome all.**

We belong to God, and through God, to one another.

**So may our hearts beat as one,  
and let us worship our God.**

Prayer for Transformation and New Life    Linda Daskowski

**Eternal and everlasting God, we confess that we often forget that we are your children. At times, we live our lives as if you do not exist, and we fall short of being credible witnesses of your love and grace. For the times we have failed you, we ask your forgiveness. Clear our minds and open our hearts so that we may be faithful to you in everything we say and do. We ask all of this in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

 Hymn    “*For the Beauty of the Earth*”    #40

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

#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

Children's Sunday Recognition  
Presentation of Bible  
Appreciation of Teachers

Scripture Readings 1 Kings 19:1-15a      Linda Daskowski  
Luke 8:26-39

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

Special Music Stephen Page

Sermon                      *“God’s Delicate Whisper”*   Rev. Dennis TeBeest

 Hymn “*Children of the Heavenly Father*” #83

## 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      “The Summons”      #350

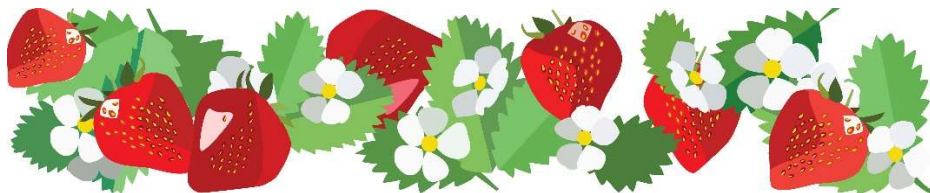
*(please remain standing for the benediction)*



## Benediction

*(please be seated)*

## Postlude





### **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, 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.

### **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.

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