


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

*June 29, 2025
10 a.m.*

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN PENTECOST
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

Call to mind the mighty acts of God.

Remember the wonders God has revealed in your life.

All the ways of God are holy.

Nothing in heaven or earth is so great as God.

With a strong arm, God redeems the people.

Day by day, God leads us with a shepherd's care.

Even when the earth trembles, God is with us.

When lightning flashes, we are confident of God's care.

We have inherited the mission of the prophets.

We need the prophet's mantle from our God.

We have come to be equipped for our tasks.

We have gathered for renewal of our lives.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Mary Deotte

O God, we are so self-centered that we cannot be centered selves. We are so preoccupied with things of little consequence that we cannot appreciate important matters of the heart. We consume other people instead of loving them. We bite and devour while you call us to build relationships and delight in your love. Set us free, O God, from the sin that binds us. Amen.

 Hymn *"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"*

#144

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

Youth Message

Scripture Readings 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

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

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

"The Inheritance"

Rev. Dennis TeBeest

✠ Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

#502

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

"Here I Am, Lord"

#559

(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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