

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



**THE  
HARVEST  
IS PLENTIFUL,  
BUT THE  
LABORERS  
ARE FEW.**


**LUKE 10:2**



*July 6, 2025  
10 a.m.*

## 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 (Inspired by Psalm 30)

Wyatt St. Germain

One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God's holy name

**Many: Shepherd and Source, you guide us in wisdom. You cover us in love.**

One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God's holy name

**Many: Comforter and Spirit, you encourage us in times of trouble. You strengthen us for the journey.**

One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God's holy name

**Many: Redeemer and Friend, you hear our cry, redeem the years of struggle, and restore our joy. Praise the Holy One!**

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Deanna Randall

**Righteous God, forgive us for praying for the harvest without planting seeds. Forgive us for praying for the harvest without preparing the soil. Forgive us for praying for the harvest without tending the land, discerning weeds, and ensuring an adequate supply of water.**

**Transform us for the work of the harvest. Transform us into cultivators of hope and joy.**

**Transform us to plant seeds of justice and love. God of the harvest, equip us for the labor of stewarding the roots of new life you offer. Amen.**

Beloved, there is room in the garden for you and the gifts you bring. Receive the grace of God to plant and replant, to till and to tend, to harvest and to hope. Rest in knowing that the One who sends you to work for a good harvest will sustain, guide, and renew you in this life.

 Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

#393

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

Galatians 6:1-6

Luke 10:1-11

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

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

*“Abundant Harvest”* Rev. Linda Michael

✠ Hymn

“Come Share the Lord”

#696

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.**

The Invitation to Christ’s Table

The Communion Prayer (*Leader’s spoken prayer, leading to:*)

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty,  
the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!  
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

*(The leader continues.)*

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*(Please hold the bread and cup after served.*

*The Pastor offers “blessing” words so we may eat and drink together. Our elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice.)*

Meditative Interlude

The Prayer of Thanksgiving *(in unison)*

**Because we have shared in one common loaf and shared from the one cup of Christ's new covenant of unity, we lift up our prayers with one voice to you, the one great God, who embraces our differences and accepts us as one body in Christ. Amen.**

✠ Hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" #562

*(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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