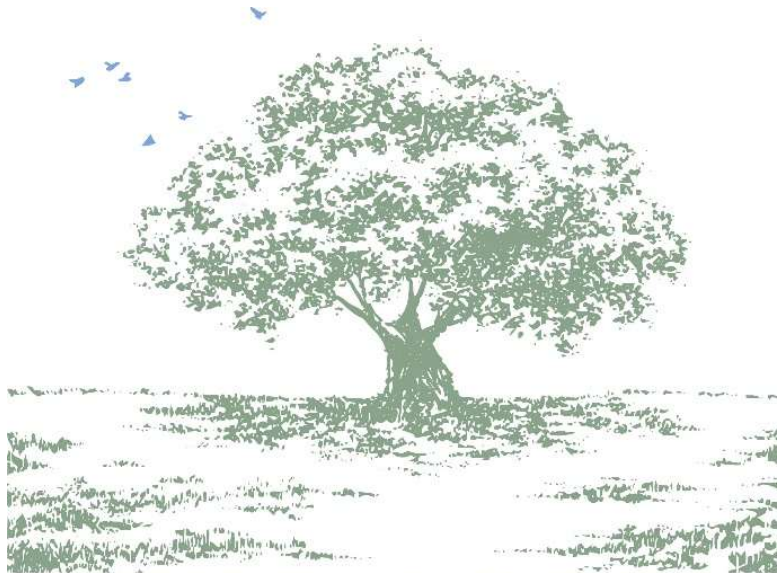


*The First Congregational Church
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United Church of Christ*




THE LORD
WATCHES OVER THE FOREIGNER
AND SUSTAINS THE FATHERLESS
AND THE WIDOW.

PSALM 146:9, NIV

July 20, 2025
10 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

 *Please stand as you are able.*

Congregational Announcements

Terry Hall

Pastoral Greeting

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Call To Worship

Nancy Zurawka

Leader: The world is the home of our life.

ALL: Let us claim it with courage.

Leader: The world is the place of our gifts.

All: Let us offer them with grace.


Leader: The creation sighs with the pain of our labor.

All: May the love and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ abide with us and with our sisters and brothers forever.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Nancy Zurawka

Living God, we pray for all people: For those people who are oppressed and exploited. For those who are denied their freedom and dignity by systems and authorities. For those forced to leave their homelands because of their ideologies. For those who labor too long and too hard, only to barely feed and clothe themselves and their families. For those forced to sell their bodies to survive. For those women and men who live lives of quiet desperation at the hands of the powerful and prestigious. For them and all who suffer, we pray, asking that the church may once again give joyful expression to your creative love, love that breaks down barriers and unites person to person, woman to man and community to community and gives meaning and hope to empty lives and makes us reach out to each other in generous self-giving.

 Hymn “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

#480

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

Scripture Readings

Exodus 23:9

Nancy Zurawka

Hebrews 13:1-3

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

Special Music

Stephen Page

Guest Speaker

Erin Kelly O'Connor

Worcester Area Mission Society – Migrant Support Project Coordinator



Hymn

“Spirit Song”

#352

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.

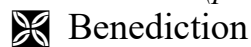


Hymn

“The Summons”

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(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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Coordination of the *Worcester Area Mission Society* as our guest
speaker.

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