# The First Congregational Church

of West Brookfield

United Church of Christ

Let mutual love continue.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2 August 10, 2025 10 a.m.

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

Please stand as you are able.

**Congregational Announcements** 

Mary Deotte

## **Pastoral Greeting**

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Call To Worship

Angela Carville

Leader: Praise be to God who reigns above the heavens.

All: Praise be to God who dwells within our hearts.

Leader: Let the majesty of creation worship in reverence.

All: Let each woman, man and child pray in faith. Praise be to God!

Prayer for Transformation and New Life Mary Deotte

God of Life, who bears changes within our souls like the flowing of the tides, we ask for your great and gracious presence with us. We your children call upon you and ask that you hear us. We, who have known hurt and healing, the agony of losses and the sheer pleasure of reunion and celebration, ask you to celebrate with us now. Help us to feel the steady rhythm of your presence from deep within us. Help us sense the gathering of your body all around us. Share your life with us, for we need you, and we know how different life can be when your Spirit fills us with your powerful love. Amen.

**Hymn** 

"Strong Gentle Children"

#629

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)

#**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 *Luke 10:25-37* Angela Carville

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

Special Music Stephen Page

Guest Speaker Karen Ludington from Worcester Area Mission Society (WAMS)

Hymn "Happy the Home When God is There" #607

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 "Thy Holy Wings" #456

(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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Today we welcome **Karen Ludington from Worcester Area Mission Society (WAMS)** 

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