

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

I was hungry and you
gave me food,
I was thirsty and you
gave me something to drink.

Matthew 25:35, NRSV




August 17, 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 (based on Psalm 130)

Nancy Zurawka

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

All: We hunger and thirst for our God.

Leader: O Holy One, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

All: We hunger and thirst for our God.

Leader: I wait for you, O Sustainer; my soul waits for you.

All: We hunger and thirst for our God.

Leader: I hope in your Word. My soul waits for you, O Rock of My Salvation.

All: We are grateful to God who hears our cries and responds to our prayers. Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life Nancy Zurawka

God of Healing and Transformation. We hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for joy; we bring you our despair and ask for hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for inspiration. Meet us here. We need the nourishment of your spirit to sustain us for our journey to find our way, that we may be one with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

 Hymn

"This is My Father's World"

#21

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 *Matthew 25:35-40* Nancy Zurawka

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

Special Music Stephen Page

Guest Speaker Tricia Gay
from St. Luke's Guest House


 Hymn *“Lord of All Hopefulness”* #469

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 *“Spirit Song”* #352

(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 Tricia Gay from

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