


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



*August 24, 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

Mary Deotte

Leader: We gather together in this service of worship at the prompting of our God, whose deep love and compassion for us are boundless.

**People: God calls us together to explore the character of our faith and to build up our discipleship in the name of God's son, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: We come to this hour of prayer and praise to share Christian fellowship,

**People: And to open our hearts to God's divine presence, that God's word and will may guide and inspire us.**

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Mary Deotte

**Gracious God, you have invited us to draw close to you in faith. Help us to seek out the deeper meanings of our lives. Keep us mindful of all the blessings you have bestowed upon us and the strength you have given us to meet difficult times. Stir our hearts with such an awareness of your presence that we will always seek to walk in your holy ways. Enrich our minds with your wisdom and our spirits with your goodness, that your love may ever shine in us and through us, to be a blessing to ourselves and to others. Amen.**

 Hymn

*"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

**#59**

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

*Luke 10:25-37*

Mary Deotte

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

Special Music

Stephen Page

Guest Speaker

Emma Pierce & Tim Ryan  
Dismas Family Farm



Hymn

*“Christ, You Call Us All to Service”*

#571

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.**

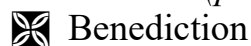


Hymn

*“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

#748

*(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.

#### **Our New Minister**

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, September 7, as this is the day we will be welcoming our new pastor, The Rev. Doug Williamson and his wife, Karen to our church! Please check the September issue of Glad Tidings for all the details.

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Today we welcome **Emma Pierce & Tim Ryan**

**Dismas Family Farm**

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