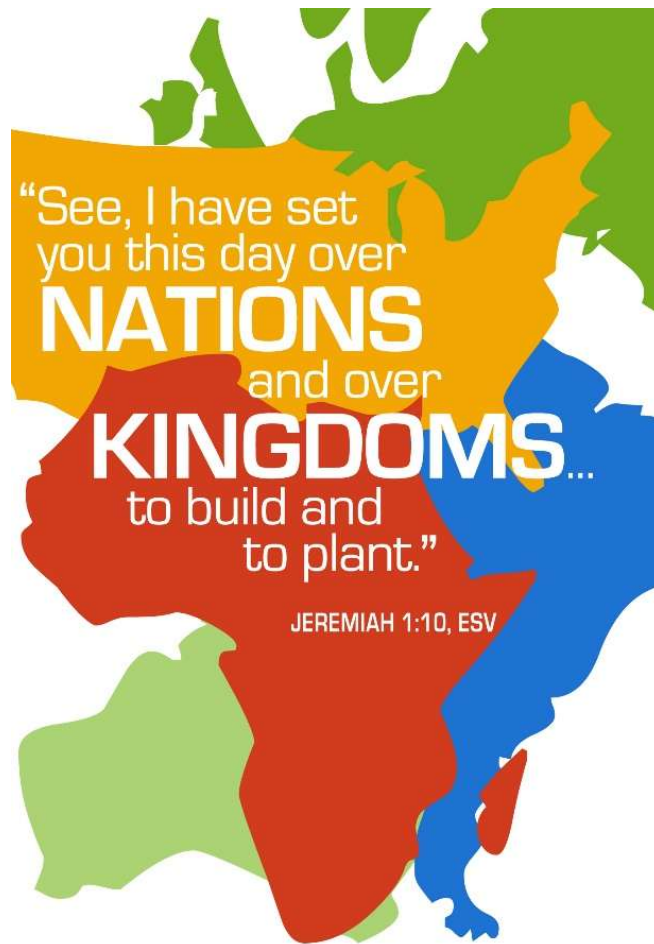



*The First Congregational Church
of West Brookfield
United Church of Christ*



*August 31, 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

Rev. Julie G. Olmsted

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Call To Worship

Karen Murphy

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before God with thanksgiving and extol Life with music and song.

One: For our Lord great, the One above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to the three-in-one.

One: The sea is hers, for she made it, and her hands formed the dry land.

All: Come, let us bow down as One people, let us kneel before our Maker; for God is our God, and we are God's people.

Praise be to the Triune God forever and forever!

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Karen Murphy

O God, we are so self-centered that we cannot be centered selves. We are so preoccupied with things of little consequence that we cannot appreciate important matters of the heart. We consume other people instead of loving them. We bite and devour while you call us to build relationships and delight in your love. Set us free, O God, from the sin that binds us. Amen.

 Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

#23

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10,
Luke 13:10-17

Karen Murphy

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

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon or Morning Message

Mindset for Today
Rev. Julie Olmsted



Hymn

Take Time to be Holy

#483

Communion

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.**

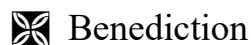


Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

#560

(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 are happy to welcome
The Rev. Julie Olmsted back to our church
as our guest minister.
We thank her for being with us again.