

*The First Congregational Church of West
Brookfield*

United Church of Christ



*September 14, 2025
10 a.m.*

REFLECT


This deep flow [of love] is then the pattern of the whole universe, and any idea of God's "wrath" or of God withholding what is an infinitely outflowing love is theologically impossible.

—Fr. Richard Rohr—

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Calling One Another to A Celebration of God's Love

Wyatt St. Germain

Leader: Come everybody, gather to worship.

All: Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Leader: Come if you're weary, hungry, or thirsty.

All: Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Leader: Bring your rejoicing, dancing, and singing.

All: Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Leader: Bring all your failures, questions, and sorrows.

All: Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Leader: All shapes and sizes, faces and backgrounds.

All: Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Leader: All to the glory of Jesus our Savior.

All [start quiet, getting louder:] Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Everybody's welcome, God is here!

 Hymn

"God is Here!"

#1

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 18:1-15

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Deanna Randall

Leader: Let us pray together:

All: Loving God, lighten our solemnity with laughter, our boredom with dancing, and turn our work into joyful play; help us to recall and give thanks that you are the God of humor and the source of all playful creativity. O God of work and play, give us both your humor and your sense of purpose, that all our actions may reflect your justice and your joy. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

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

Hymn

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

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Prayers of the People Sharing Concerns, Joys ~ Pastoral Prayer

~ 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.

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.

Youth Message

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

“Sarah & Jesus Laughed—What About Us?”

Rev. Doug Williamson

✠ **Hymn**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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✠ **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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