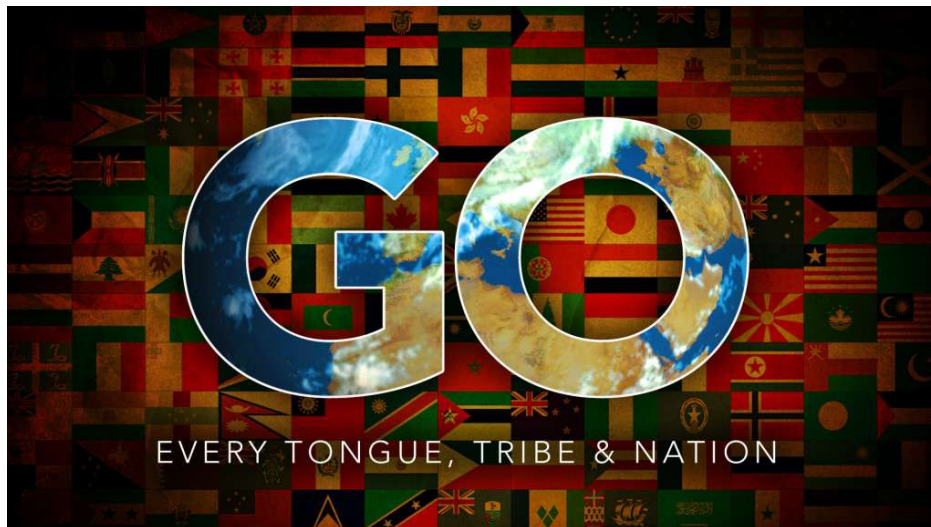


The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield

United Church of Christ




June 7, 2026; 10 a.m.

REFLECT

“[W]hen we get so caught up in being fed we forget that our job is to be the ones feeding. We are God’s people so we are life’s hosts not life’s guests. We are the producers of grace, and mercy, and hope, not the consumers. Oh, yes, we need to be nourished ourselves. Even Jesus went up to the mountain, but he didn’t build a tent to stay there. He gathered with his close friends at the mountain then scattered into the world to serve. This is the rhythm of the church, and if we neglect either side the Body of Christ is weakened.” –Rev. Michael Piazza in *Vital Vintage Church*—

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

 Please stand as you are able.

Congregational Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Guest Pianist: Chloe Campbell

A Responsive Prayer to the Trinity

Pat Jackman

Leader: Living Love, beginning and end, giver of food and drink,
clothing and warmth, love and hope: life in all its goodness -

All: we praise and adore you.

Leader: Jesus, wisdom and word; lover of outcasts, friend of the
poor; one of us yet one with God; crucified and risen: life in
the midst of death –

All: we praise and adore you.

Leader: Holy Spirit, storm and breath of love;

**All: bridge-builder, eye-opener, waker of the oppressed, unseen
and unexpected, untameable energy of life - we praise and adore you.**

Leader: *Holy Trinity, forever one,*

**All: whose nature is community; source of all sharing, in whom
we love, and meet, and know our neighbor: life in all its fullness,
making all things new: we praise and adore you. Amen.**

 A Trinitarian Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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A Reading from *Psalms for Praying* (by Nan C. Merrill)

Psalm 8

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.***

A Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Reader: May God bless our hearing and understanding of this
reading from our sacred texts.

All: Word of God, Word of Life, Thanks be to God

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)

✠ A Doxology

Tune: # 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

Sermon

Rev. Doug Williamson "Going Forth—with
Purpose, Meaning, and Joy"

Breaking Bread Together—Holy Communion

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(Without exception, in our community of faith, all are welcome to commune at God's table.
Our bread is gluten free, our juice non-alcoholic and unsweetened.)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: God of life, God of power, we thank you for creating the world and calling it good. We praise you for seeking us in love from the beginning of time until now.

All: Most of all, we thank you that you loved the world so much as to give Jesus the Christ, your beloved child, to save us and set us free.

Pastor: *We remember that before he was lifted up on the cross, Jesus washed the feet of those who shared his ministry, shared a meal with them, and told them to love one another that all might be one in you.*

All: We gather once more at the table of Jesus, the Living Bread. Breathe your Spirit upon us to guide us in your truth, that we may abide in you and live always in your love.

All glory and power and honor be unto you, heart of Love, Word of Life, Spirit of Peace, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Holy God, we bless you for Jesus Christ, who comes in your name to heal and reconcile the whole creation, bringing hope out of destruction and new life out of death. We thank you that Jesus invites us to the Table of Love, now as on the night before he was betrayed, when he took bread, gave thanks to you, and said, This is my body, which is given for you."

Pastor: *We remember also that he took the cup, gave thanks to you, and said, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." Remembering Jesus' death in love for your whole creation, we offer our praise and thanksgiving and our commitment to care for one another and for all you have created upon the earth.*

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

[Bread served first; we all partake together; cups served; we all partake together.]
Please return to main part of bulletin for the Prayer after Communion.

Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Creator God, **All: we give you thanks for the grain farmers, the bread bakers, the grape growers, the juice makers.**

Pastor: Redeemer God,

All: we give you thanks for all that we remember as we have shared this meal: your birth, your life, your death and resurrection.

Pastor: Sustaining God,

All: we give you thanks for the eternal presence of your Spirit with us, surrounding us and filling us with Divine life.

Pastor: Holy God, three in one, **All: May this meal we have shared renew us and inspire us to join more joyfully with you as you work for peace and justice in the world. Amen.**



Hymn

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

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Benediction (after which, please be seated for the postlude)

Postlude



Our Covenant of Welcome

We, the members of the First Congregational Church of West Brookfield, UCC, are a people of faith, following Jesus and sharing God's abundant love, believing each of us is created in God's image. We seek to demonstrate God's love through respect and care for one another. We celebrate and learn from differences in race, culture, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, economic and political background, and physical and cognitive challenges. We welcome those who have no church home, need strength, want to follow Christ, or are seekers in their spiritual lives. All are invited to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry and mission of this church as we strive to grow in a safe and nurturing community of faith. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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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