

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




June 14, 2026; 10 a.m.

REFLECT

*This deep flow 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—*

**THIRD 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

Calling One Another to A Celebration of God's Love

**Stephen Page
Nancy Zurawka**

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.

[start quiet, getting louder:]

All: Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Everybody's welcome, God is here!

Everybody's welcome, God is here!

 **Opening Hymn**

"God is Here!"

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A Responsive Prayer of Thanksgiving and for Others

Pastor: Ever faithful Creator, Ever giving Christ, Ever present Spirit,

All: For the many gifts you grant us and the opportunity to enjoy these things; For your daily provision and for the constant signs of your healing love; For the hope amidst despair and the light which always shines;

Pastor: For all these things,

All: 'thank you' is just so inadequate but it's all we have:

... to show our gratitude in word, in thought and in action.

Leader: So thank you, God, and may our thanks move beyond words to transform us into thankful folk, faithful folk, attentive folk,

**All: folk who notice need and notice the need to act,
folk who love to live and live to love, folk who serve you
By serving others.**

Pastor: Help us to be amongst those who include the excluded
and bring in those who are marginalized,

**All: that when the opportunities come our way, to be healers
of division and hurt, to be peacemakers and restorers, we
won't be found wanting.**

Leader: Transforming, healing God, help us to make the light shine in dark places,

**All: to make peace known in violent places, and to bring hope to despondent
places. Our prayers, spoken and silent are brought to you now in the name of your Child,
Jesus, the healer, includer, and redeemer, forever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 18:1-15

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

Prayer Hymn

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #61

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)*

☒ 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


“Sarah’s Laughter—and Ours”

Rev. Doug Williamson

 Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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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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