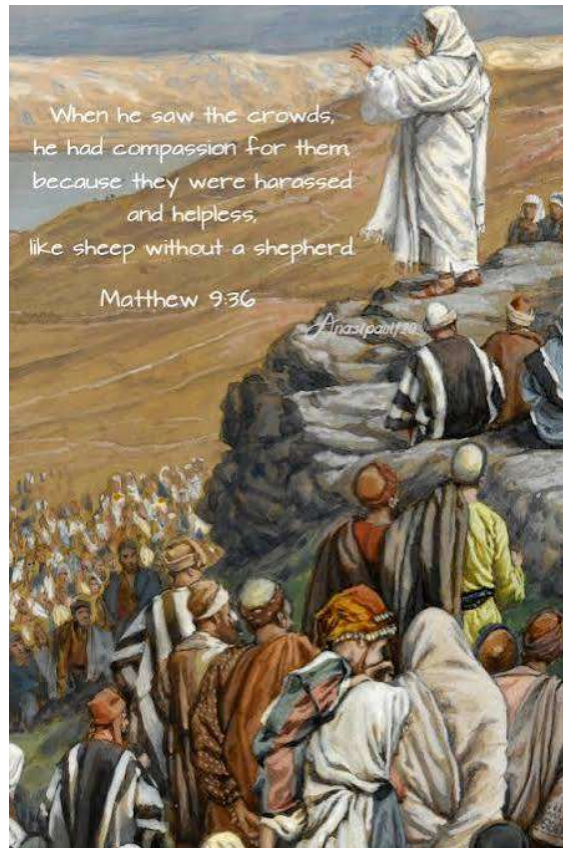


*The First Congregational Church
of West Brookfield
United Church of Christ*




June 21, 2026; 10 a.m.

REFLECT

*We give thanks to You, O Beloved, for You are kind; your steadfast love endures forever! ...
We give thanks to You, O Blessed One, for You are kind; your steadfast love endures forever!*
—from Psalm 118

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FATHER'S DAY
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

Stephen Page

An Opening Psalm of Thanksgiving and Joy (Psalm 118)

Mary Deotte

Leader: We give thanks to you, O Beloved, who answers our prayers and invites us to new Life.

All: The stone which the builders rejected has become the foundation of our lives.

Leader: This, O Eternal Listener, is your work; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day which You have made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Remain ever by our side, O Friend!

All: Come, live in our hearts as Loving Companion Presence!

 **Opening Hymn**

"This Is the Day" (sing through twice)

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 **Affirming the Faith that Inspires Our Ministry**

Pastor: We believe in God: creator and farmer, lover and friend, challenger and enabler; wellspring and womb of purposeful living.

All: We believe in God.

Leader: We believe in Jesus Christ: compassionate and wounded healer, wise one and fool; liberator from oppression.

All: We believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: We believe in the Spirit: go-between and negotiator, inspirer and encourager; barrier-breaker, community-maker.

All: We believe in the Spirit.

Leader: We believe in the community of faith: alive in the aliveness of Christ, prophetic in its solidarity with all who suffer, celebratory in hope, its work, and its witness.

All: We believe in the community of faith.

Leader: We believe in God's commonwealth: beckoning and burgeoning, dynamic and harmonious, present and future; in which we glimpse:

All: The satisfaction of our deepest longing, the healing of our painful rifts, the forging of justice, peace, and integrity. We believe in God's commonwealth. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

“This Is My Father’s World”

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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)

✠ 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

“Compassion, Decency, and Justice”

Rev. Doug Williamson

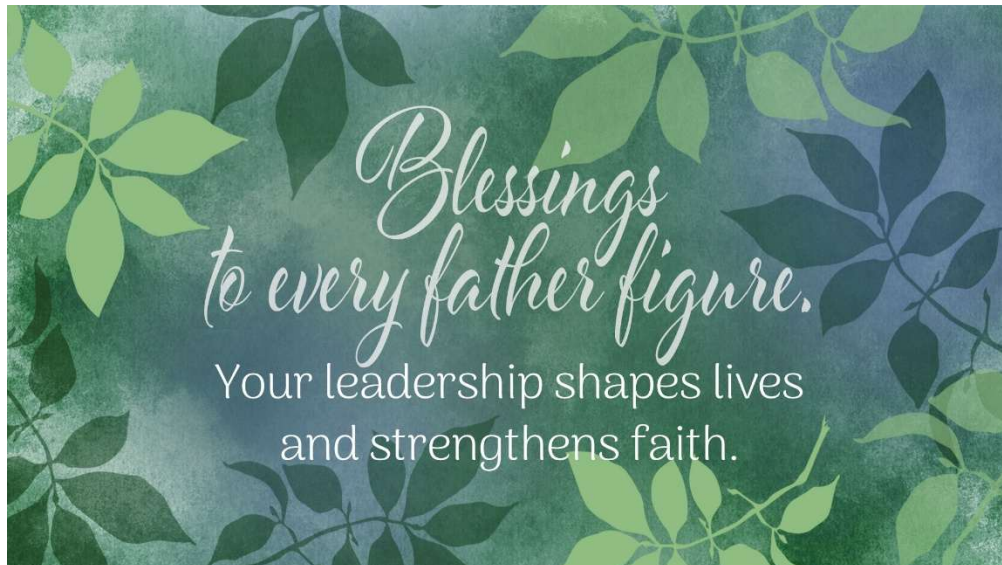
✠ Hymn

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (vv. 1, 4, 5)

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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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