

Dear Members and Friends of United:

It was a joy to be with you for worship and conversation last weekend! Our time together confirmed what I had already discerned: that you are a faithful, joyful, justice-seeking congregation, and that God has good things in store for us. It is an honor to answer God's call and yours, and to step into the remarkable heritage of United's ministry.

Matt, Samuel, and I have begun setting things in motion for our move to New Haven this summer. I will be serving in my current context through June, as well as attending the UCC's General Synod in Milwaukee. We plan to move in July, and I'll start my ministry among you on August 1.

I look forward to having time to continue getting to know you, to hear your stories, and to dream together about what God might be calling us to do, how God might be calling us to grow, and whom God might be calling us to become. We will create plenty of opportunities for these conversations in August and beyond. Between now and then, I would ask for your prayers and your patience in this transitional time.

I give thanks once again for your fabulous leaders: for the Search Committee; for the Deacons, Stewards, and Advisory Committee; for the church staff; for Pastor Bonnie and Pastor Olivia. I give thanks for each of you and your part in the amazing community that is United. I offer you my prayers and my blessings, and I look forward eagerly to all that is to come.

God's peace,

Pastor Jocelyn