

The Congregational Church of Westborough

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

57 West Main, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

October 29, 2023



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WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are an "Open and Affirming" Church



WELCOME!

To our worshipping community, especially to parents: God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house! We welcome you and your child/ren. Children are a gift to the church and a reminder that the church is growing. May our church be a place where we give smiles of encouragement to parents!

Are you visiting with us today? We are glad you are here!
WHETHER YOU HAVE JOINED US BY PHONE, IPAD, OR COMPUTER

We celebrate "OPEN DOORS and GROWING FAITH"
"No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here."

CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

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Statement of Inclusion

We, the people of The Congregational Church of Westborough, United Church of Christ, believe that all people are created equal, in God's image. "We are all God's children." In our journey of faith, we strive for justice and equality for all. We invite and welcome into our community and into the full life and Christian ministry of this church, persons of every race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, family structure, faith background, economic circumstance, mental and physical ability. We say, and mean, "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." We declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing our belief in diversity and inclusion. We seek to be a faith community centered in Christ, ready to proclaim the Gospel and seek to grow through the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. We offer to each person acceptance and the responsibilities and blessings of participation in this congregation.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WESTBOROUGH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Oct. 29, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

**The Congregation is invited to stand.*

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (shown online and on the sanctuary screens)

9:45 AM

PRELUDE

INTROIT

“Cantate Domino”
Chancel Choir

Traditional

CHURCH BELLS TO CALL US

10:00 AM

INVITING THE WORD

WELCOME

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ted Jaworski

One: We were created out of love,

Many: Made in God’s image.

One: God dreams of the day all His children will love one another and live in peace.

Many: God calls us to be peacemakers.

All: Let us worship the God of love and peace.

*OPENING SONG

“Here I Am to Worship”
JoySpring Songbook #10

Composed by Tim Hughes

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Ted Jaworski

O God of love, and justice, and peace, we hear You call us to be more like You. Teach us to love unconditionally as You love us. We are here to listen and learn and serve. We want to make Your dream our own. We ask this in the name of Jesus and we continue in prayer using the words He taught us...

*THE 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.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Ted Jaworski
Holy One, our world is in chaos. Wars rage, innocent children and civilians are killed, tortured, and starved. You call us to be justice servers and peacemakers but we ask “what can I do for people so far away?” We miss the opportunities right here. We use hateful, blaming language. We stand by instead of standing up to bullying and defamation. Help us see our role as justice servers and peacemakers and begin our work right now, right here. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RECEIVING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART Rev. Betsy Dorsi
(Children leave for Sunday School)

SCRIPTURES Deuteronomy 34:8-10 *(pew Bible pages 168 & 803)*
Matthew 21:34-46

SERMON “Love Always Wins” Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*HYMN #497 “In Loving Partnership” PARTNERSHIP

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Betsy Dorsi

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation: *Let us bring our offerings before God with thanksgiving!* Ted Jaworski
The morning offering will now be received.

Offertory “All My Hope” Comp. by David Crowder & Ed Cash
Chancel Choir

*I've been held by the Savior. I've felt fire from above.
I've been down to the river. I ain't the same, a prodigal returned.
All my hope is in Jesus. Thank God that yesterday's gone.
All my sins are forgiven. I've been washed by the blood.*

*I'm no stranger to the prison. I've worn shackles and chains.
But I've been freed and forgiven, and I'm not going back, I'll never be the same.
All my hope is in Jesus. Thank God that yesterday's gone.
All my sins are forgiven. I've been washed by the blood.*

*There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man,
Break him down to his knees.
God, I've been broken more than a time or two.
Then He picked me up and showed me what it means to be a man.
All my hope is in Jesus. Thank God that yesterday's gone.
All my sins are forgiven. I've been washed by the blood.*



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***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

Ted Jaworski

God, we bring before You the fruits of our labor and the talents You’ve given us. Bless our gifts and us to Your service. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Roland Regnier

BEING THE CHURCH

***CLOSING HYMN #600**

“Jesu, Jesu”

CHEREPONI

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Today’s flowers are given by Celeste Chenet- Monte in memory of **Patricia Chenet-Marples** and **Melody Davis**.

Ted Jaworski serves as liturgist today.

Theresa DiMeo and **Elizabeth Kfig** are deacons of the day.

Prayers

Bereavement: Family and friends of Pat Ainsleigh; Family and friends of Mesrob “Marty” Maljanian.

Continued Prayers: Nancy Reimann; Tom Erwin’s son-in-law, Mike Grundmann; Marketa’s friend – Paula; The Lord family; Carrie Halbert (wife of Nikki Halbert’s cousin); Cathie Achorn’s mom, Dee Mumby; Marge Butcher’s granddaughter Meghan Donovan; Betty Grays’s niece Heather and

her family; Ilda & Jim Engle; Betty Simino; Roberta Di Terlizzi's mother Donata; Dennis in hospice (friend of Deb and Rich Boucher).

Announcements

STEWARDSHIP 2024

Stewardship Sunday will take place on November 19. By the time you see this message, the church's members and friends should have received the 2024 stewardship mailing, which includes letters from Reverend Betsy and the Missions Committee as well as the budget projections developed by the Board of Trustees. Also included are a pledge card and return envelope. Many pledgers send in their pledges in advance of Stewardship Sunday, for which we are deeply grateful; however, people's in-person, Sunday service attendance is an opportunity for us to bring our pledges forward and celebrate our support as a congregation. Please join us if you are able.

FOOD PANTRY – OCTOBER WISH LIST

Thank you for all those packets of oatmeal, pasta and sauce! For October we will be collecting Nutri-grain bars, jars of mayonnaise, and boxes of tissues for the cold and flu season. We will continue to collect oatmeal packets as they are in high demand. Donations can be placed in the white box at the side entrance to the church or in the basket at the front entrance. Thank you again for caring about your neighbors in need. The Mission Team

GREAT PIE CHALLENGE



Please bring in your donations to help us reach our goal of 150 pies for the Curtis Family Thanksgiving Project! Donations can be left in the box in the church kitchen. We would be grateful for: ***Apples, Flour, Canned Pumpkin (NOT pumpkin pie mix), Canned Evaporated Milk (NOT sweetened condensed milk), Vanilla.***

On November 5, 12, and 19th, we will be making pies in the vestry. Bring a friend and join us for pie-making fun!

A CONCERT: MEMORIES

If you would like to buy tickets for the concert on Saturday, November 4th at 2:00 pm in our sanctuary, you can stop by the church office during regular hours. The concert entitled "Memories" stars our very own Adrianna Baltimore. Tickets are \$10 and the proceeds will benefit the church kitchen renovation fund.

VETERAN'S DAY SERVICE

On Sunday, November 12, we will be honoring our veterans during our Sunday Worship. If you or a family member have served, please let us know so that we can prepare to share our thanks. Email Amy Glennon (amyjglennon@gmail.com) with any names to add to our list. Thank you!

October 29th – November 5th

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Sunday

10:00 AM

Worship & Sunday School

11:30 AM

Confirmation Class meeting/Chapel

Oct 30

Monday – closed

Oct 31

Tuesday -Happy Halloween

7-8 PM

Bells Rehearse



Nov 1

Wednesday

6:30 -7:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM

Deacons/Kerygma Rm

Nov 2

Thursday

2:00 PM

Concert Rehearsal

Nov 3

Friday

Nov 4

Saturday

2:00 PM

Concert/Sanctuary

Nov 5

Communion Sunday

10:00 AM

Worship & Sunday School

Pie making
after church



