The Congregational Church of Westborough
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
57 West Main, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

OPEN DOORS – GROWING FAITH!
No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here!

WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS!
We are an “Open and Affirming” Church

Nov. 10, 2019
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.
INVITING THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING  (Please take the time to greet those around you)

* SONG #86  “Great is Thy Faithfulness”  FAITHFULNESS

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader:  With steadfast love and growing faith,
People:  We come as people of The Way.
Leader:  With prayers of hope and songs of joy,
People:  We come to worship God who walks with us on life’s journey.
Leader:  With thankful hearts and humble prayers,
People:  We come to give God glory and praise for the many ways our lives have been changed and even saved.
All:  Here we are together as people of faith and hope to be changed once again for the better.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Please be seated.)  Pete Graham
We are welcomed into Your presence this day by Your gracious hospitality, O God. Grant that we will lay aside our cares and anxieties to concentrate our thoughts on You alone. Open us up to the teaching and guidance for living which we receive, that we will be strengthened to walk with You and follow wherever You lead us, even if it is into trials and foxholes of sacrifice. We ask it all, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, in whose words we pray.....

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)
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.
RECEIVING THE WORD

HONORING OF OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "Let Freedom Ring!" Ruth Morris Gray

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountainside, let freedom ring.

Let freedom ring, let it ring for America.
Let freedom ring, let it ring through our song.
Let freedom ring in our hearts, let love abide.
Of thee I sing, let freedom ring.

Let music swell the breeze and ring from all the trees, sweet freedom's song.
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

America, America, God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:38-44 Doug Wales
(Pew Bible pg 825)

SERMON “All in Faith” Rev. Remick

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pete Graham

MUSIC RESPONSE # 305 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord, send Your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS Doug Wales
Invitation: We come to this familiar place and give in gratitude for all which we have received. We give because we can. We give in joy because of love, overflowing and unconditional.
JoySpring Anthem

“Nobody”  
Mark Hall, Bernie Herms & Matthew West

All my life I’ve been told I belong at the end of the line,  
With all the other Not-Quites, with all the Never-Get-It-Rights.  
But it turns out they’re the ones You were looking for all this time.

’Cause I’m just a nobody tryin’ to tell ev’rybody,  
Well, all about Somebody who saved my soul.  
Ever since You rescued me, You gave my heart a song to sing.  
I’m loving for the world to see nobody but Jesus.  
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Well, Moses had stage fright, and David brought a rock to a sword fight.  
You picked twelve outsiders nobody would’ve chosen and You changed the world.  
Well, the moral of the story is ev’rybody's got a purpose.  
So, when I hear that devil start talking to me saying: “Who do you think you are?”

So, let me go down, down, down in history  
As another blood-bought faithful member of the family.  
And if they all forget my name, well, that's fine with me.  
I’m living for the world to see nobody but Jesus.

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)  
Doug Wales*

We give these gifts to the work of Your church, O God, with eyes straining to see Your vision for peace. Use these offerings and our lives to make a difference in our suffering and troubled world. May we offer our time and our talents as well as our treasures. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN # 85  
“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”  
MELITA*

*BENEDICTION  
Rev. Remick*

*POSTLUDE  
(You are invited to sit for the Postlude if you wish. Let the worship service settle in your heart. If you wish to exit, please do so quietly.)

Our children and many adults are making pies this morning as part of our Great Pie Challenge! We will be sharing these pies with needy families around Thanksgiving, as well as making them available after church on Sunday, Nov. 24th
Flowers are given by Celeste Chenet-Monte in loving memory of Patricia Chenet Marples and Grace & Charles Chenet. 

**Doug Wales** greeted you this morning and served as liturgist. **Linda Birch** and **Theresa DiMeo** are Deacons of the day.

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### PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR NOV. 10, 2019

**Bereavement:** Jane Goland and family upon the death of her husband David. Memorial service in the sanctuary on Saturday, November 16 at 10:00am.

**Continued Prayers:** Robert Aldrich; Megan Huber’s mother Fran Kelly; Marie Murphy’s son Craig Jernberg; Nancy Uhlman; Cathie Achorn’s friend Julie Noble and her preemie baby Kosmas Andrew Melitas; CJ Harris (Marge Butcher’s grandnephew); Dianne Domeij; Nancy Reimann and Judy Kaprelian; Cathie Achorn’s mother Dee Mumby; Lauren Algelro undergoing cancer treatments; Bob Brown; Gini & Tom Erwin; Wendy Reardon’s mother, Sandy; Anna Gavel, granddaughter/cousin of Karen Gavel and the Oevermanns; Linda Polatka (Cathie Achorn’s sister); Ron and Nancy Clark’s daughter, Melissa Dickinson.

**Prayer requests:** You can place prayer concerns on the church’s email distribution list at eprayers@uccwestboro.org. If you would like a prayer request included in today’s service, please let a Deacon know prior to the start of worship. Prayers will remain listed for 8 weeks. If you would like a prayer renewed, please call the church office.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please consider staying for an important conversation following worship to explore our future vision, goals and supporting budget. Brenda Lord will facilitate an open discussion to help the Congregation better understand the challenges facing this church for its immediate future. We will meet in the chapel shortly after coffee hour and will end no later than 12:15.*

**PARISH LIFE GAME NIGHT – NOV. 16th**

Join us this Saturday, Nov. 16th at 6:30 in the vestry. Last year, fun was had by all. Some people played cribbage, some played dominoes. Sandwiches, salad and dessert will be available. Hope you can come. For info call Cathie at 508-380-8671.

**INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING BASKETS**

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and the number of families in need in Westborough is growing. We are asking for our congregation’s help. The Interfaith Thanksgiving program is seeking donations of $25 gift cards. These are used by families to supplement the two bags of ‘fixings’, by giving them the means to buy a fresh turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. You can purchase a grocery card from our church and donate to the cause thus helping our neighbors and our own church. Gift cards will be collected through November 17th for distribution to needy families. Thank you so much for your consideration of this worthy mission. Please contact Megan Huber at meganhuber@aol.com if you have any questions.
THANKSGIVING DISPLAY
The Flower Committee is asking for donations of pumpkins, vegetables, gourds, apples etc. for the Thanksgiving table in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 24th. There will be a box in the library to put your items in starting Sunday, November 17th.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE EVERGREEN FAIR!
There are only 27 days until the fabulous Evergreen Christmas Fair on Dec. 7, 2019. Please sign up on the poster in the library to let us know what you can do to help with the fair. We are getting a little worried as we can't do it all ourselves. PLEASE sign up after church today. Thank you, Linda Borglund, Cathie Achorn and Sandy Horton.

DISMAS HOUSE
Our church goes on the first Thursday of the month to cook and serve a meal with the people of Dismas House, a home for ex-prisoners. If you would like to help, be in touch with Karen Hutchinson at millarhutch@aol.com. The next dinner will be Thursday, Dec. 5th. Donations of Stop & Shop cards are greatly appreciated to help with the shopping for the meals! Thank you.

GROCERY CARD PROJECT
2019 Goal: $ 8,000
2019 YTD: $ 4,967.05
We’re ready! We are stocked up with a variety of denominations of grocery gift cards. Great Pie Challenge? Be sure to purchase a grocery gift card donation here. Interfaith Thanksgiving Baskets? We’re ready for that too! We will be sure to get your donation to whichever project you wish to support. And don’t forget your own Thanksgiving shopping. We are thankful for your support. If you need cards delivered contact Karen Hutchinson at 508.870.1782 or millarhutch@aol.com or Nancy Quimby at 774.249.4431 or nquimby11@gmail.com or Sally Petersen at sbpetersen4@gmail.com and 366.5169.

FLOWER COMMITTEE
It’s always nice to have special flowers on the chancel! If you would like to dedicate flowers in honor or in memory of another individual, please put your name next to the Sunday you want on the flower chart in the vestry or speak to one of the flower committee members. There are instructions on a table near the flower chart.

CONTACTS AND INFORMATION
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