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. 3, 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.
THE CONGREGATIONAL CURCH OF WESTBOROUGH
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Nov 3, 2019 All Saint’s Day and Communion Sunday 10:00 AM

*The Congregation is invited to stand.

INVITING THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pete Graham

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

*OPENING SONG “Here I Am to Worship” Tim Hughes
JoySpring Song Book

*CALL TO WORSHIP Wendy Reardon
Leader: Today we stand beside saints in the making.
People: Yesterday we stood by those who now live as saints in light.
Leader: Tomorrow may be our turn to take our place among them.
People: While we live, we live to the Lord.
Leader: When we die, we die to the Lord.
People: So then, whether we live or whether we die,
All: We are the Lord's!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Please be seated.) (from Presbyterian Missions) Pete Graham
Jesus, we ask that You take these prayers and the prayers offered today, to the heart of God.
Before we can rejoice, we must confess. We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives. Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don’t do. For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world. We want to love as You commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn’t know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs. Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit’s nudging may help bring the peace and love You seek in our families, the church, and the world. Help us to be more holy in our hearts. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Rev. Remick
Even when we try and fail again and again in our attempts to model the saints of yesterday, God loves us still and gives us the grace to try again. In the richness of this grace, we gratefully accept the peace of Christ and the forgiveness of sin, which passes all understanding. Amen.
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

SCRIPTURE
Luke 6:20-31
(Bible page 838)

ANTHEM
"There You'll Be (from 'Pearl Harbor')"
Alison Regnier, piano

(Kids and Youth will now go to Faith Formation)

REFLECTION
“Come, All Ye Saints”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
(Communion at our church is always served with gluten free bread and is open to all)

COMMUNION HYMN # 420 (v. 1-3)   “I Come with Joy”

(DOVE OF PEACE)
(Children and youth enter to join us for communion)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (from Presbyterian Missions)
Holy Triune God, we thank You for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank You for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in You, we are all one. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HONORING THE SAINTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Rev. Remick
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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – An invitation to all of us  
Rev. Remick

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS  
Beth Dapolite

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. We offer our time, our talents and our treasure for the Glory of God and for the work of Christ’s church here. May our treasure, our tithing, and our offering be received and blessed.

JoySpring Anthem  “In Christ Alone”  Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

“In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scored by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*DOXOLOGY (Unison)

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)  
Beth Dapolite

God, Your heart is wide open to us. You have given to us freely and taught us to return to You all that we can, even if it involves sacrifice or stretching. All around the world, people of faith are giving to Your church in hopes that in each place, great blessings may abound. Grant us
glad and generous hearts, and help us be as open to You as You are to us. Help us use Your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all Your people as we remain Saints in training. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN # 404  “A Hymn of Joy We Sing”  BOYLSTON

*BENEDICTION  Rev. Remick

*SUNG BENEDICTION  “Go Ye Now in Peace”  Joyce Elaine Eilers
Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you. Feel his presence here beside you showing you the way. In your time of trouble, when hurt and despair are there to grieve you, know that the Lord will never leave you. He will bring you courage. Know that the God who sent his Son to die that you might live will never leave you lost and alone in His beloved world. Go ye now in peace. Go ye now in peace.

*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.)

Flowers are given in memory of loved ones from Charles and Nancy Gage and Richard and Linda Plummer.
Beth Dapolite greeted you this morning and served as liturgist.
Marketa Rosecka and Elaine Moore are Deacons of the day.
Communion servers are Theresa DiMeo, Liz Jarobski, Karen Gavel, Rhona Naddamba, Lynne Caldwell and Elaine Gallo.

Join us for fellowship downstairs in the Vestry following the service

| PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR NOV. 3, 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.
WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP MEETING—OPEN TO EVERYONE!
Join us on Monday, Nov. 4th and listen to Sgt. Michael Daniels of the Westborough Police Dept. speak on fraud, identity theft and scams. **Mission:** Massachusetts Veterans Inc. of Worcester – gift cards of all types, men & women’s personal care items (no alcohol in items). See their website for more details.

6:30 – Social Time and Refreshments in Vestry; 7:00 – Meeting (to make plans for the Fair); 7:30-Program

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING BASKETS
Thanksgiving is fast approaching and the number of families in need in Westborough is growing. We are asking for our congregations 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](mailto: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 35 days until the fabulous Evergreen Christmas Fair on Dec. 7, 2019 8am - 3 pm. 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](mailto:millarhutch@aol.com). The next dinner will be Thursday, Nov. 7th. **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: $ 4,774.30

**Welcome Here!** New to our Church or new to grocery cards? It’s an easy way to support the Operation Budget of our church. We purchase grocery gift cards in bulk from Stop & Shop, Roche Bros. and Price Chopper at a reduced rate. We then sell the cards to you at face value. If you buy a $100 gift card, you can purchase $100 at your grocery store. The Church benefits from the reduced price paid for that card. Cards come in a variety of denominations. You’ll find us in the vestry each Sunday following worship or stop by the Church Office to buy cards. Bring a check, shop locally, and stay healthy. Thanks! Karen Hutchinson at
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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