

The Congregational Church of Westborough

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

57 West Main, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

July 20, 2025



Photo by Deb Boucher

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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Monday - Closed

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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**

July 20, 2025

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**The Congregation is invited to stand.*

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (SHOWN ONLINE AND ON THE CHAPEL SCREENS)	9:45 AM
PRELUDE	"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" Martin Smith arr. Jerry Ray
CHURCH BELLS TO CALL US	10:00 AM

INVITING THE WORD

WELCOME	Rev. Betsy Dorsi
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*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Ecc. 3)	Pam Faustine
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One: To everything there is a time. A time to work and a time to play. A time to be busy and a time to rest. A time to create and a time to dream.

Many: O God, You created us all with different personalities and different gifts. Help us appreciate them all! We praise You for making us so wonderfully and enter into worship now to listen and to join our hearts and thoughts with Yours. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #497	"In Loving Partnership"	PARTNERSHIP
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*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)	Pam Faustine
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Jesus our teacher and redeemer, we sit at Your feet and listen to Your wisdom. We love to hear Your stories and Your understanding of human nature. You call us to be in prayer. You also gave us the Great Commission which requires much physical and emotional work. Bring us together to listen to You and to get a new perspective on the ministry to which You call us, all together, as one community. We ask this in Your name and continue to pray using the words You gave 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.

A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Pam Faustine

Creator God, You made us all different with unique personalities, skill sets and creative gifts. You declared us all good. We marvel at the vast array of people You have made. We acknowledge that sometimes we wish everyone could be like us and see things our way. Please forgive us for those times. When we let sibling rivalry keep us from working together, we ask for Your mercy. When we were jealous of another's gifts, we are sorry. Teach us to use all of our gifts together for the good of Your Church. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:38-42

(pew bible pg. 845)

SERMON

"Doers and Dreamers"

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*HYMN #595

"Be Thou My Vision"

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation *Let us bring our offerings before God with thanksgiving!*

The morning offering will now be received.

Pam Faustine

Offertory

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Philip Bliss, arr. James Stevens



"For online giving, scan QR code with your phone's camera"

*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)

Pam Faustine

**We bring our offering today God, gifts of treasures we worked hard for, gifts of talents
You gave to each of us freely. In Your wisdom teach us how best to use them for the
good of this church. Amen.**

BEING THE CHURCH

*CLOSING HYMN #609

“Take My Life” (vs. 1-3,6)

HENDEN

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Amen”

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Jack Schrader

Allyn Phelps is filling in for Joe Stillitano during the summer.

Pam Faustine serves as liturgist.

Charlotte Bramley and **Elizabeth Kafig** are deacons of the day.

Prayers

Bereavement: Family & friends of Martin Dluzansky.

Continued Prayers: Carolyn Bent; Diane Travers; Judy Ellis’s daughter, Syreeta Peddlesden; Ron, brother-in-law to Betty & Ted; Fran and Dick Passler; Betty Simino; Gene and Donna Jansen, relatives of Deb Boucher; Donna Morgan’s nephew, Peter Jacunski; Kathie Wong; Pete Kelly, Megan Huber's dad; The family of Grover Morgan, Jr., Tom's brother; Paula Tashjian; Jonathan Blaszczak’s mother, Susan; Debbie Grega – Amy Glennon’s mother; Betty Gray’s niece Heather; Art Smith; Isley Skye Mackendrick; Bev & Doug Hall; Steve Achorn's cousin, Gabrial DeRaps; Cathie Achorn’s sister-in-law, Lorie Mumby; Marge Butcher’s grandson David Butcher Jr. and her granddaughter Meghan Donovan

TEXAS FLOODS

Flooding in Central Texas has left many dead and missing. Businesses and homes have been washed away. If you would like to help with disaster relief and recovery efforts you can put a check in the offering box with the notation "Texas Flood Victims" or send a check to UCC, P.O. 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194 with "Texas Flood Victims" in the memo line. There is already a disaster relief team on the ground giving immediate aid to those impacted by the floods. Thank you for your support and prayers.

MISSIONS - EARN-A-BIKE PROGRAM

Earn-a-Bike is a non-profit, community bicycle shop in Worcester teaching people bicycle maintenance while enabling them to earn a bike. Their mission is to promote education programs to facilitate bicycle use, repair and rehabilitation for improved health and well-being in the community. They encourage bike riding as an empowering, economical and healthy alternative to cars. If anyone has an old bicycle that they would like to donate (any condition except no rust), please contact Doug Wales or Pam Faustine and we will get the bikes to Worcester.

MISSIONS

Westboro Food Pantry - For the month of **July**, the Westborough Food Pantry is in need the following items ketchup, mustard, relish, and mayonnaise.

(small sizes work best). Let's fill the white box so it's overflowing! Your donations go directly to Westborough residents who are facing food insecurity. Thank you for your support. The Mission Team

Dismas House – Do you like to cook for people who really appreciate your efforts? If so, please consider making a meal for the men at Dismas House. The men are working towards re-assimilating back into a normal life with friends and family after time in prison. They really love home cooked meals. If you can cook a meal but can't deliver it, we can probably arrange to bring the meal. If you are a first-timer, one of our team can go with you. You can stay for dinner with the men or simply deliver the meal. Nothing fancy, just a tasty meal. If you can help, please contact Pam Faustine at 978-505-7031 or pfaustine@princeton-ma.us

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES ON WESTBOROUGH TV

Exciting news from our collaboration with Westborough TV! Our Sunday services will be replayed TWICE a week every week. You'll be able to watch us on **Mondays at 6:30PM** (please note, this is a half hour later than we have been), and again on **Thursdays at 6:30PM**. As a reminder, we're on Verizon channel 2124 (High Definition) and Verizon 24 & Charter 191 (regular definition)

Summer Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9AM – 1PM

Monday & Friday: Closed



CALENDAR JULY 20th – JULY 27th

Jul 20 10:00 AM 1:00-6:00 PM	Sunday Worship Eagle Court of Honor/Sanctuary & Vestry
Jul 21 7:00 PM	Monday - Office Closed Cabinet/Kerygma Rm
Jul 22	Tuesday Dismas House Dinner
Jul 23 3:30-4:30 PM	Wednesday Journey Home Singers
Jul 24	Thursday
Jul 25	Friday – Office Closed
Jul 26	Saturday
Jul 27 10:00 AM	Sunday Worship

