

# The Congregational Church of Westborough

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

57 West Main, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

August 3, 2025



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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.

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Aug 3, 2025

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*\*The Congregation is invited to stand.*

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (SHOWN ONLINE AND ON THE CHAPEL SCREENS) 9:45 AM

PRELUDE "Deep River" Spiritual arr. Larry Shackley

CHURCH BELLS TO CALL US 10:00 AM

**INVITING THE WORD**

WELCOME Rev. Betsy Dorsi

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Roland Regnier

One: God loves to share our lives with us.

**Many: When we are joyful, when we are sad, we pray.**

One: God helps us see our world in new perspectives.

**Many: When we are hurting, when we don't understand, we pray.**

**All: Let us join in prayer as we Worship God, the creator of all.**

\*OPENING HYMN #386 "We Come as Guests Invited" WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

\*GATHERING PRAYER (unison) Roland Regnier

**Almighty God, You know us completely, inside and out, yet You desire for us to meet You in prayer and share our lives with You. You want us to lay before You our dreams, our fears, our big decisions and our funny moments. Your son Jesus gave us an example of how to pray. Continue to teach us how to reach out to You formally and informally. Show us how much easier and how much happier our lives can be if we take time to share them with You. We ask this in Jesus' name and continue to pray 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.**

## A MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Roland Regnier

**Holy One, we know how much You love us and want to share our lives with us, yet so many days go by when we do not reach out to You in prayer. Have mercy for the times we made plans without consulting You and later found out You had a better plan for us. Forgive us for the times we pray half-heartedly mumbling the words to long ago memorized prayer. Teach us to pray from the heart, with all of our intellect, emotions and love. Inspire us to want to share everything, the good and the bad with You first. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11: 1-13

(pew bible pg. 845)

SERMON

“God Wants to Talk With You”

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

\*HYMN #585

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

BEING THE CHURCH

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.

Roland Regnier

Offertory

“If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking”

Words: Emily Dickinson

Journey Home Singers

Music: Mary Alice Amidon



“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)**

Roland Regnier

**God, we come bearing gifts of treasures and talents, bread and cup. Accept our gifts  
given freely. Make the bread and cup holy memorials of Your love for us. Bless our  
treasures and talents so they may become blessings to others. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(Communion at our church is open to all. Gluten free wafers are in the prepackaged  
containers.)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (as found on the inside cover of your hymn book)** Roland Regnier

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)**

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

**God of Abundance we thank you, for with this bread of life and cup of salvation You have  
united us with Christ making us one with all of Your people. May we now be inspired to  
live by Your law of love and to share Your love freely with all we meet. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #714**

**"For the Fruit of All Creation"**

**AR HYD Y NOS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SUNG BENEDICTION**

**"Go Ye Now in Peace"  
JoySpring Songbook #25**

**Comp. by Joyce Elaine Eilers**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

**arr. John Carter**

Thank you to the *Journey Home Singers* for sharing their gift of music today.

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

**Roland Regnier** serves as liturgist.

**Linda Borglund** and **Elizabeth Kafig** are deacons of the day.

### Prayers

New Prayers: Elaine Moore's cousin's daughter Vanessa Freiman.

Continued Prayers: Marge Butcher; Adam Beckloff, Linda Birch's nephew; Carolyn Bent; Diane Travers; Judy Ellis's daughter, Syreeta Peddlesden; Ron, brother-in-law to Betty & Ted; Betty Simino; Donna Morgan's nephew, Peter Jacunski; The family of Grover Morgan, Jr., Tom's brother; Paula Tashjian; 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

### SUMMER COFFEE HOUR [BYO Keurig Cups]

For the summer, there will be a single-cup Keurig machine in the kitchen, for those who would like to bring their own K-cups.

### KERYGMA ROOM ZOOM SYSTEM CHANGE-OVER

The Zoom computer in the Kerygma Room will soon be upgraded to Windows 11. It will be unavailable during the week of August 4. Contact Tom Morgan for more information.

### 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 **August**, the Westborough Food Pantry is in need the following items pasta, pasta sauce & beef stew. 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](mailto: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



<b>Aug 3</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Communion Sunday</b> Worship
<b>Aug 4</b>	<b>Monday - Office Closed</b>
<b>Aug 5</b> 6:30 PM	<b>Tuesday</b> Building Committee/Kerygma Rm
<b>Aug 6</b> 3:30-4:30 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> Journey Home Singers
<b>Aug 7</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Aug 8</b>	<b>Friday – Office Closed</b>
<b>Aug 9</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Aug 10</b> 10:00 AM	<b>Sunday</b> Worship