

The Congregational Church of Westborough

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

57 West Main, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

April 26, 2026



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

Rev. Betsy Dorsi, Pastor – Rev.Betsy.Dorsi@uccwestboro.org
Joseph Stillitano, Director of Music – joseph.stillitano@uccwestboro.org
Linda Borglund, Director of Christian Ed – Linda.Borglund@uccwestboro.org
Sue Menzel, Director of Bells – westcongmusic@gmail.com
Lisa Coffey, Administrator – Lisa.Coffey@uccwestboro.org
Ariana Dello Stritto, Communications Coordinator - Ariana.DelloStritto@uccwestboro.org

Office hours: Tuesday – Friday 9am – 1pm
Monday - Closed
Church office phone 508/366-2000

*General Church email - info@uccwestboro.org Church website- www.uccwestboro.org
www.facebook.com/TheCongregationalChurchofWestborough*

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

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**The Congregation is invited to stand.*

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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

CHURCH BELLS TO CALL US 10:00 AM

INVITING THE WORD

WELCOME Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*OPENING MUSIC

*HYMN #494 "They'll Know We are Christians" (vs. 1,2,3) ST. BRENDAN'S

*JoySpring #3 "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Written by Brian Doerksen

*CALL TO WORSHIP Janet Rivard

One: Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Many: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

One: Let us offer Him our praise and gratitude.

Many: Come with open hearts to Worship our Savior!

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison) Janet Rivard

Holy One, we thank You for gathering us together into a Church family. As we Worship You today, help us be mindful of the gift of our church in our lives. As we listen to Your Word, open our hearts to hear and be healed by Your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior and continue to pray using the words He taught us...

*THE LORD'S PRAYER Janet Rivard

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)

Jesus, You gave us the perfect example of how to live in community. We confess that often we put our own needs above the good of others. We forget that we are not of this world but are part of Yours and our role is to bring Your Kin-dom to earth by each loving act we do. Help us to work together, acting in love, to spread the Gospel and care for those in need. Please forgive us for the times we did not act out of love. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

RECEIVING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:42-47

(pew Bible page 886)

SERMON

“Inside Out”

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*HYMN #86

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Janet Rivard

Invitation

At this time, let us all reflect on how much God has given us and on what we have chosen to give God back for God’s ministry. The morning offering will now be received.

Offertory Anthem

“Jesus, Savior”

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Judy Ellis and Pam Kapitz

*Jesus, Savior, Master of all. Gentle Jesus, hear, now, my call;
Fill me with your love, teach me today; Jesus, Savior, show me your way.*

*You left heaven for me; you know the fears I face.
You died on Calv'ry for me, you bore my sin's disgrace.*

*Jesus, Savior, teach me, I pray; Jesus, Master, just show me your way.
I'll go where you lead me: I would be like you.*

*Blood you spilled on Calv'ry freed me to start my life anew.
Jesus, Savior, Master of all; Gentle Jesus, speak to my heart.
Fill me with your love; teach me today. Jesus, Savior, show me your way.*



“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)**

Janet Rivard

Jesus, we offer these gifts to You for the building of Your Kin-dom. Bless our efforts to use them wisely in the ministry of this Church.

BEING THE CHURCH

***CLOSING SONG**

“Your Grace is Enough”
JoySpring Songbook #24

Matt Maher

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

***POSTLUDE**

Janet Rivard serves as liturgist today.

Linda Borglund is deacon of the day.

Prayers

Bereavement: Family and friends of Harriet Markert.

New Prayers: For Pete, his mom Betty and daughter Angelina.

Continued Prayers: Ted Jaworski & Betty; Elaine Moore; Julia O’Neil-Welsh; Sue Menzel; Bev & Doug Hall’s son Jeremy; Jackie Smith; 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; Debbie Grega – Amy Glennon’s mother; Betty Gray’s niece Heather; Cathie Achorn’s sister-in-law, Lorie Mumby.

PARISH LIFE

Progressive Dinner



The Progressive Supper will be on Saturday, May 2nd. There is more information and a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall, or you can call or text Cathie Achorn at 508-380-8671. The deadline to sign up is April 26th. Come join the fun as we go from one house to another for appetizers and dinner. We will all meet at 8:30 PM for dessert and fellowship at the church. Your Parish Life Committee, Cathie, Linda and Sandy

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL MAY DINNER

The Women's Fellowship Annual Dinner will be on Monday, May 4th at the Post office Pub in Grafton. The evening begins at 5:30 PM with appetizers and the raffle table. At 6 pm we will have a brief meeting followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 pm. There is a \$25 fee (tea and coffee included, soda and other drinks are extra). The deadline to sign up is April 26th. For info text or call Cathie Achorn 508-380-8671.

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

On Saturday April 11th we held our first "Second Saturday Worship Service". About 30 people gathered in our Fellowship Hall to delve into God's Word. Working in small groups they had a guided discussion about the day's Scripture reading. Wonderful music was provided by Joe and Roberta, and prayer completed the Worship part of the Service. Then participants worked on phase 2 of a Congregational Mission Project: assembling bags of the toiletry items we all brought to church. These will be given to the homeless people in our area. The "Second Saturday Worship Services" is an initiative of the Church Board which came out of our planning meeting held in the Fall. We will have another one on May 9th and a third on June 13th. Join us to Worship at an alternative time and experience a new style of Worship!

MISSIONS

Westboro Food Pantry - For the month of **April**, the Westborough Food Pantry is in need of the following: *Jello, Mustard, Salad dressing, Relish*. The Westborough Food Pantry has thanked us for our continued support in helping to feed local families in need. Please continue to consider donating additional (non-perishable) food of all sorts to the white box. Thank you. 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)

Apr 26 10:00AM	Sunday Worship Service & Faith Formation
Apr 27 7:30 PM	Monday – office closed Missons/Zoom
Apr 28 7:00 - 8:00 PM	Tuesday Bell Rehearsal
Apr 29 3:30 – 4:30 PM 6:30-8:00 PM	Wednesday Journey Home Singers Choir Rehearsal
Apr 30	Thursday
May 1	Friday
May 2 5:30 – 7PM 8:30 PM	Saturday Bahais of Westboro/Fell. Hall Dessert after Progressive Dinner
May 3 10:00 AM 1PM-6PM	Communion Sunday Worship Service & Faith Formation Eagle Court of Honor



