

The Congregational Church of Westborough

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

57 West Main, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

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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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Mother's Day

Sixth 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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN #464 "God of Grace and God of Glory" (vs.1,2,3) CWM RHONDDA

*CALL TO WORSHIP Pam Faustine

One: Jesus calls us to follow Him.

Many: We are gathered here as a Congregation of His followers.

One: Jesus asked us to continue His work on earth.

Many: We work together to serve those in need.

All: We meet with Jesus here. Let us begin our Worship and Praise.

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison) Pam Faustine

Jesus, we are gathered here to say thank You for all You have done for us. Please accept our Worship as our offering of praise and gratitude. You call us to spread the Gospel. Teach us how, Lord. We are here ready to serve You. Please bless our efforts and make them fruitful as we fish for people. We ask this in Your name Jesus and continue to pray using the words You taught us...

*THE LORD'S PRAYER Pam Faustine

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)

O Redeemer, we hear Your call to share our faith, yet we are reluctant. Forgive us for giving in to our fear of rejection. Remind us that You were rejected often during Your ministry. We confess that we are eager to let someone else tell Your story. Have mercy on us for the times You nudged us to tell someone about our faith, and we let the opportunity slip by. Grant us courage to be better tellers of the Good News. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

RECEIVING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

SCRIPTURE

Acts 17: 16-34

(pew Bible page 902)

SERMON

“An Unknown God”

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*HYMN #452

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM, LORD

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

BEING THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Pam Faustine

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



“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
Lord, please bless our gifts. We bring them to You with gratitude. Help us use them to spread Your Gospel to people who need to hear it. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #459 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” ABBOT’S LEIGH

*BENEDICTION Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*POSTLUDE

Thank you to **Ian Tregger** for filling in on piano in Joe’s absence.
Linda Borglund and **Elizabeth Kafig** are deacons of the day.
Pam Faustine serves as liturgist today.

Prayers

New Prayers: Meredith Morgan and her family.

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

BOOK CLUB

This is the last call for anyone who would like to join Rev. Betsy’s second small group book club. The discussion will be based on Richard Rohr’s The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage. The book is available online on Amazon or Target. You can sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Rev. Betsy for more information.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY



On Sunday, May 31st, we will recognize our graduates in the bulletin. If you have any member in your family who is graduating High School or College, please send the information to Lisa at lisa.coffey@uccwestboro.org.

MISSIONS

Westboro Food Pantry - For the month of **May**, the Westborough Food Pantry needs the following: *Jello, Salad dressing, Pickles, Ketchup*. 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

PARISH LIFE EVENT



We hope you can Join us Friday, June 5th at 6:30 PM for Game Night in the Fellowship Hall. We will have pizza and chicken from The Coop. There will be BINGO with prizes, cribbage and other games to play. You can even bring a favorite game of yours. For information contact Cathie Achorn call/text 508-380-8671.

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)

MAY 10th – MAY 17th

May 10
10:00AM

Sunday - Mother's Day
Worship Service & Faith Formation

May 11
7:00 PM

Monday – office closed
Trustees/Board Room

May 12
10:30 AM
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday
Whitney Place Service
Bell Rehearsal

May 13
9:00 AM
9:30 AM
3:30 – 4:30 PM
6:30-8:00 PM

Wednesday
Weavers Guild
Called to Care
Journey Home Singers
Choir Rehearsal

May 14

Thursday

May 15

Friday

May 16
11AM – 3PM

Saturday
Eagle Court of Honor

May 17
10:00 AM

Sunday
Worship Service & Faith Formation



