

The Congregational Church of Westborough

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

57 West Main, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

June 7, 2026



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.

**THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WESTBOROUGH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

**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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*OPENING MUSIC

*JoySpring Songbook #7	“He Knows My Name”	Composed by Tommy Walker
*JoySpring Songbook #9	“The Heart of Worship”	Composed by Matt Redman

*CALL TO WORSHIP Roland Regnier

One: Jesus, you ate with sinners and called common folk to follow You.

Many: We are hesitant to approach You because You are God’s son.

One: You forgave sins and healed the sick.

Many: We need Your presence, Your touch.

All: We come to worship You, we dare to come close to You, our Redeemer.

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison) Roland Regnier

Jesus, as we come before You now, each with our own sins, our own illnesses and disabilities, we seek wholeness in You. Help us listen to Your word and take heart in Your message of mercy. Teach us to treat one another with love and mercy as You treat us. We ask this in Your powerful name and continue in prayer using the words You gave us...

*THE LORD’S PRAYER Roland Regnier

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

Jesus, You teach us that faith in You will turn our whole lives around. Like so many before us, we pray, “we believe Lord, help our unbelief”. Please forgive us for the times we felt our faith wasn’t strong enough to share. Forgive us for not spending more time with You in prayer and studying our Bible. Have mercy on us and help us draw closer to You. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

RECEIVING THE WORD

SCRIPTURES

MT 9:9-13, 18-26

(pew Bible page 790)

SERMON

“God’s Unlimited Mercy”

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*HYMN #452

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM, LORD

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

BEING THE CHURCH

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Roland Regnier

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

“Ave Verum Corpus”

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Chancel Choir

Westborough High School Quartet**

Performed Latin Text:

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

English Translation:

*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
Whose pierced side flowed with water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste of the trial of death.*



“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

Lord, we bring our gifts to You in love and gratitude for all You’ve given us. Please bless them to Your service through our ministries at this church. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Communion at our church is open to all. All bread is gluten free)

*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

Jesus, we thank You for this holy feast. We thank You for setting Your table and inviting sinners to join You. As our souls commune with You, may we grow in mercy and love for our fellow human beings, and begin to act more like You. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

“Mighty to Save”
JoySpring Songbook #5

Morgan and Fielding

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*SUNG BENEDICTION

“Go Ye Now in Peace”
JoySpring Songbook #25

Composed by Joyce Elaine Eilers

*POSTLUDE

****Westborough High School String Quartet**

Anya Lai, violin

Michelle Lo, violin

Sahil Thadani, viola

Ezra Markowitz, cello

Pam Faustine and **Linda Borglund** are deacons of the day.

Roland Regnier serves as liturgist today.

Prayers

Continued Prayers: Marie Murphy's son – Craig Jernberg; Meredith Morgan and her family; 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; Betty Gray's niece Heather; Cathie Achorn's sister-in-law, Lorie Mumby.

CALL TO ANNUAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES MEETING

The Annual Boards and Committees Meeting of The Congregational Church of Westborough will be held Sunday, June 14, 2026, immediately following the 10:00 AM church service. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:

1. To hear and act upon the reports of the officers, staff and various Boards and Committees.
2. To elect officers and approve members of Boards and Committees for the period July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028, and to fill any remaining vacancies nominated from the floor.
3. To hear a report from the Building Committee.
4. To transact such other business as may regularly come before the meeting.

Submitted by David R. Smith, Church Clerk

REPORTS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL MEETING – JUNE 14th

We will have our Annual Boards and Committees meeting on Sunday, June 14th at 11:30 am. If you are responsible for a report, please email it to the church office at lisa.coffey@uccwestboro.org no later than Monday, June 8th. If you'd like to get it to the office earlier – please do!

Staff & Officers: Church Clerk, Pastor, Moderator, Minister of Music, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, Director of Bells, Librarian, Communications Coordinator.

Boards: Trustees, Deacons, Christian Ed

Standing Committees: Personnel Committee; Stewardship, Memorial Gifts, Music, Missions & Social Concerns, Flower, Properties, Parish Life, PPRC

Ad Hoc Committees: Hospitality, Called to Care/Visitation

Fellowship Groups: Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship; Parish Life

Other: PCC of MA, Scouts BSA, Treasurer

NOMINATING 2026 – SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR OUR CHURCH

Your church relies on volunteers to effectively support its operations and functions. There are two boards which are seeking volunteers for the ensuing program year: the Board of Deacons and the Board of Christian Education. The Nominating Committee asks you to consider lending your skills and talents to one of these important activities. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Betty Gray at 508-277-9008 or Dave Smith at 508-366-8174.

MISSIONS

Save the Date! We are planning a Habitat for Humanity workday on Saturday, June 20th (location TBD). Whether you have carpentry skills or not, there is work for everyone. Age 16 and up. Sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall next week. Missions Team

Westboro Food Pantry - For the month of **June**, the Westborough Food Pantry needs the following: *Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Beets (can), Potatoes (can), Body wash*. 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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE BELL CHOIR

Looking ahead to September there are opportunities opening for more people to join the Festival Ringers. Please see Sue Menzel after the service or text 508-341-8239 if you're interested or have any questions.

JUNE 7th – JUNE 14th

Jun 7
10:00AM

Communion Sunday
Worship Service & Faith Formation

Jun 8
7:00 PM

Monday – Office Closed
Trustees/Board Room

Jun 9
10:30 AM

Tuesday
Whitney Place Service

Jun 10
9:30 AM
3:30 – 4:30 PM

Wednesday
Called to Care
Journey Home Singers

Jun 11

Thursday

Jun 12

Friday

Jun 13
5:00 PM

Saturday
Second Saturday Service

Jun 14
10:00 AM
11:15 AM
12:00 PM
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Youth Sunday
Worship Service & Faith Formation
Annual Meeting
BBQ
Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall (rain only)



