

# *The First Congregational Church of Warwick*

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**Sunday Morning Worship and Sunday School**  
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**10:15 a.m.**

*First Congregational Church of Warwick  
United Church of Christ  
715 Oakland Beach Ave. Warwick, RI 02889*

## *All Are Welcome*

*~Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost~*

**November 5, 2023**

**10:15 a.m.**

*Ministers: Pastor Michael Ashe  
All People of the Church*

*Organist: Johnathon Miller  
Handbell Director: Stefani Capuano*

(\* If you are able, please stand)

**Invocation:**

**Announcements:**

**Words of Welcome:**

*Prelude: Let us take a moment to think, to meditate and quietly prepare ourselves for worship.*

(\* **Opening Hymn:** #2 “*O Worship The King*”

**Call to Worship:**

**Pastor:** Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

**All:** *We’ve been gathered from all directions and in all spaces to declare the greatness of God.*

**Pastor:** Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

**All:** *We have been redeemed by the abiding love of our Creator.*

**Pastor:** Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

**All:** *Let the redeemed proclaim God’s wondrous works. Great is the Holy One and greatly to be praised!*

*~ Sacrament of Holy Communion ~*

**(Laminated copies can be found in the pews)**

**Receiving Prayers of Joy:  
Music of Celebration:**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 43**

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

*For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off?  
Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?*

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.  
*Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.*

**Receiving Prayers of Concern:**

**Pastoral Prayer:**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**(\*) The Gloria Patri: #734 “Glory Be to the Father”**

**Offering the sign of Peace:**

**Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12**

**Sermon: “Partners in Service”**

**Morning Offering:**

**(\*) The Hymn of Dedication: #688 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”**

**(\*) The Closing Hymn:# 93 “Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness”**

**The Benediction:**

**(\*) Congregational Benediction Response: (tune: Amazing Grace)**

*Through Christ you are a child of God*

*Who dearly loves us all.*

*Go forth in peace to share God's love;*

*Rise up to heed Christ's call.*

**Postlude:**

**We invite each of our church family offer this prayer each day.**

*“Lord, I offer my life to you. I ask that you create in my life and in the life of our church, a miracle. Amen.”*

~ **WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP TODAY** ~

We invite you to use our **Welcome Cards** found in the pews. Place them in the offering plate or hand them to the Pastor as you leave. You are invited to join us downstairs for coffee and fellowship following the service. There are facilities downstairs for parents of small children.

We invite you to place the names of those for whom you would like prayers on the **green prayer card** found in the card holders. They will be received at the opening of the Pastoral Prayer and the pastor will read the names.

**Now that covid restrictions are being loosened, you no longer need to wear a mask during service if you are vaccinated. If you wish to wear one, that is fine. It is your personal preference.**

**Please keep our loved ones in your thoughts and prayers:** Craig, Michael, Sandy, Peter, Our Church, Our Nation, Our State, Our Military, Elaine, Brian, Joan, Joann, Brian, Aunt Ruth, Uncle Melvin, Barbara, Harry, Julie, Stefani, Lexi, Mykel, Charleen, Peter and his Dad, The Israelites and Palestinians, Bev and Norm, Brian, Peter.

Sewing Circle meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Bible study meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Handbell choir meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

All are Welcome!

Soup this Sunday after church! Hope to see you all there.

## Matthew 23:1-12

*Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father--the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.*