

Welcome to First Congregational Church of Warwick, UCC

"We are committed to serving our community and sharing the love of Christ.
We believe that everyone is welcome in our church, and we strive to create a safe and inclusive space for all people."



Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Summer Worship Week 4

July 26th, 2026



Worship 10:15 Sunday Mornings

Minister: *Pastor Michael Ashe and All Members of our Church*

Fellowship and Coffee 11:15 All are invited!

Deacons: *Sue L, Sandy A, Leslie Z, Peter P*

Minister of Music: *Tom Jones*

Handbell Director: *Stefani Caupuno*

Please Note: This service is subject to change by the guidance of the Holy Spirit
Words in **bold** are spoken aloud together

~ Spiritual Breath: Welcome friends! Wherever we are, indoors, outdoors, in sun or shade, God meets us here. Take a breath. Feel the air around you. Let this be a moment of rest, renewal and joy. (Pause for a breath together.)

Pastor: God is in the warmth of this day.

All: God is in the breath we share.

Pastor: God is in our gathering, simple and sacred.

All: We open our hearts to God's presence.

~ Blessing our Space: **All: Holy One, make this place a little sanctuary. A sacred space for us to worship. Amen**

~ Welcome and Announcements:

~ Opening Hymn: _____

~ Prayer of Confession and Assurance: **Glorious God, may your face shine upon us. Teach us your ways so that we may live in peace, justice, and righteousness. Keep our way steady and directed toward you. Remove the hold of oppression and evil from among your people. Transform our hearts and minds so that we might reflect your goodness and love in the world. Amen.**

~ Testimony and Prayer of Joy: Let's stretch our legs and find something in this space that reminds us of Heaven, (Go easy on the flowers and save some for the bees! lol)

~ Hymn of Joy: # _____

~ Share our Concerns and Prayers: (At this time you are invited to share your prayer requests with the congregation. When you are finished you may say "**This is my Prayer**" The congregation will then reply "**Lord hear our prayer**")

Pastoral Prayer / Moment for reflection and meditation / Lord's Prayer

(Please use the wording that is the most meaningful to you)

Gloria Patri: Hymn# 734 (Laminated Sheet)

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen!"

~ Focus Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52 "From Seed to Mountains"

~ Personal Reflection Moment: Take a moment to breathe and reflect. Where did you feel God this week? Where do you hope to feel God in the days ahead? (Moment for silent reflection)

~ Offering of Intent: Share some of the ways you intend on helping and healing this community in the coming weeks and we can bless them with our regular weekly offering.

"We Give Thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be : All that we have is thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee."

We ask that you leave your generous donations in the collection plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary we do not pass a collection plate but do rise in the spirit of prayer as we dedicate these gifts together ()*

~Prayer of Dedication: **(All) Generous God, may these gifts be sufficient to meet the needs before. May we be good stewards of your resources. And, may we be moved to live the generous life more deeply and completely in every aspect of our lives. Amen.**

~ Hymn of Gratitude (*) 688 We Give Thee but Thine Own

~Closing Hymn: _____

~Benediction

Service closes in song to the tune of 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 that call, Amen! "

We are delighted to Worship with you today!



What's Happening at the FCCOW This Week and Beyond

Monday Night Handbell Practice: See you in September!

Bible Study: See you in September!

Island Getaway Group Wed Evenings at 6pm or whenever anyone has a chance to lend a hand. (foot, arm or toe!)

Sewing circle: See you in September!

(If you would like your event or group meeting added to this calendar OR If you would like to form a group or committee please see a church leader at least 2 Sundays before the event)



Do you need a visit? A meal?

Someone to pray with?

Contact Pastor Michael, a Deacon,

or a member of our Care&Prayer Team!

Pastor Michael Ashe – Call or Text (401)391-8647

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Treasurer: Leslie Zanella – FCCWRITreasurer@gmail.com

Deaconess Sue Lapinski



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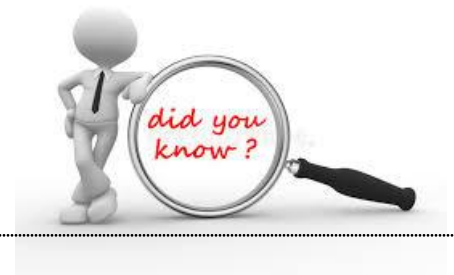
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We LOVE our COMMUNITY !!



Did you know?

God is good, all the time!



Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 **Parables of the reign of heaven**

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures

of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Five simple ways you can worship God right where you are. **No sanctuary, no special setup, just you and the Spirit moving!**

We know with all the summer activities we might have goin on taking time to worship might seem almost impossible. Here are a few ways we can still move the spirit all summer long! Each of these keeps worship portable — no sanctuary required, just awareness and intention. (Don't forget to bless your space!)



Micro-Liturgy

~ **Light a candle or lamp and say: "Christ is our light." Name one heavy thing and one holy thing from today. Read a verse and pray: "Make us whole, O God."**



Neighborhood Blessing Walk

~ **Walk slowly around your block. Offer silent blessings for each home: "Peace. Healing. Joy. Amen"**



Worship Through Care

~ **Choose one small act of care — watering a plant, folding a blanket, feeding a pet. Before doing it, say: "I offer this act in love."**



Scripture-in-the-World
Photography

~ **Pick a verse. Take one photo that reflects it in your surroundings. Let your neighborhood become a visual prayer.**



Breath Prayer

~ **inhale: "Be with me..." Exhale: "...right here."**
Use it anywhere — car, line, quiet moment.