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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025
10 o'clock

Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor
Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts
Amanda Bethune, Director of Faith Formation

FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD

OCTOBER 19, 2025

PRELUDE

Prelude on "CWM Rhondda"

Kyrie

Ralph C Schultz

Cathy Moglebust

The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube-Sengupta, director

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: If the human body is to thrive, it needs salt.

Many: **If the body of Christ is to increase, it needs us!**

One: If creation is to prosper, it needs sunlight.

Many: **If we are to be the beloved community in Christ, we need each other!**

One: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

Many: **Our faith, our love, our hope – are as essential as salt and light.**

Jimmy Quinn

†HYMN 517

[Love Divine, All Loves Excelling](#)

BEECHER

†OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, who has made us to be salt and light when faced with unsavory and shadowy situations, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us wisdom and humility and strength of spirit so that others may see your good works through us. May we set our hearts, minds, and souls on serving you faithfully. Amen.

INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

ANTHEM

Carillon Jubilation

The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube-Sengupta, director

Dan R. Edwards

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-16 (NT p.5)

†RESPONSE (HYMN 263)

[Surely the Presence of the Lord](#)

WOLFE

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels’ wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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† Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

SERMON

Salt Shaker

Rev. Terry Schmitt

HYMN 545

[He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought](#)

HE LEADETH ME

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

The psalmist reminds us that it is well with those who are generous, who conduct themselves with justice and good will. In this regard, our offerings symbolize our best intentions.

OFFERTORY

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Ian Higginson

The First Church Choir

†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.**

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

Giver of life and Source of freedom, you call us to be stewards and caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to appreciate the gifts we have received and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love and light of Jesus Christ in our lives. Amen.

†HYMN 464

[God of Grace and God of Glory](#)

CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Shalom Chaverim

SHALOM

The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Benedetto Marcello

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!