

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of glory, with thanksgiving for your mercy, we seek to reach out to others as you have reached out to us. We rededicate ourselves this day to the work of building the beloved community. May these offerings bless those who give and those who receive. Amen.

†HYMN 637

[*For All the Saints*](#)

SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *For the Beauty of the Earth*
The First Church Choir

DIX

POSTLUDE

Toccatta
From Suite Gothique

Leon Böellmann

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
All Saints Sunday

November 2, 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

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

PRELUDE

Gargouilles et Chimères
Air, from Overture in D Major (on the G String)

Louis Vierne
J. S. Bach

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Oman-Wilfred

One: Praise God, all people who are called to be saints.
Many: **We will sing a new song in the assembly of the faithful.**
One: God takes pleasure in us and receives our worship.
Many: **God lifts up the humble and invites us to share in God’s glory.**
One: Look to God for wisdom and salvation.
Many: **We will not cease to give thanks in all things!**

†HYMN 90

[Come, Christians, Join to Sing](#)

MADRID

†OPENING PRAYER

God of every age, you simultaneously turn the world upside down and keep us right side up. You teach us that neither material wealth nor social status, nor reputation can lead us to salvation. You remind us to keep trying to see Jesus and to keep working toward the kingdom. You remind us that we are workers, not master builders – we are ministers not messiahs. Help us follow the example of the saints, that we may plant seeds that one day will grow and water seeds already planted by our predecessors. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

[Luke 19:1-10\(NT p.100\)](#)

†RESPONSE (HYMN 531)

Thank You, Lord

THANK YOU, LORD

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

SERMON

More Good News for Tax-Collector Types

Rev. Fredd Ward

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.

NAMING THE DEPARTED SAINTS OF FIRST CHURCH

Zelia Abbot	Arthur DeGraff	Linda Dore
Gordon “Gordy” Hoff	Margaret “Peg” Johnson	Thomas Johnson
Carol Killeen	Laura Matties	JoBeth Mount
Nelson Sly	Peter Steinle	Anne Upson Stone
JoAnne Young Taylor	Elizabeth “Larc” Abbot	

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creator God, our departed loved ones are not entirely absent. They remain in our midst serving as silent honored members of teams and workgroups; enjoying the privilege of voice without vote during congregational meetings; watching over our spending and saving decisions; supervising renovation projects; and hovering this very hour as a great cloud of witnesses! We cannot think of them as dead – they are but gone before. Amen.

HYMN 576

[My Faith Looks Up to Thee](#)

OLIVET

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CALL TO OFFERING

Our weekly offering and annual pledging witness to the good news of salvation. Because we have been abundantly blessed, we seek to share our blessings with others. Let us give with joy and gratitude.

OFFERTORY

Pie Jesu

Hyun Kook

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.