

and far. Bless the roots and the fruits of our labor and our love. Amen.

†HYMN 55	<a href="#"><u>O God of Every Shining Constellation</u></a>	VICAR
BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i> The First Church Choir	LIVING GOD
POSTLUDE	<i>Allegro</i>	JOHN STANLEY

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

June 14, 2026  
10 o'clock

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

FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD

JUNE 14, 2026

PRELUDES

*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
*This is My Father's World*

FRED B. BINKS  
TERRA BEATA

The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube-Sengupta, director

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

DOEY BARNETT

One: Blessed are those who trust in God, who delight to meditate on God's law.  
Many: **We long to hear the Word of God and let the Word shape our lives.**  
One: Blessed are all who seek the realm of God, who seek to find meaning in their lives.  
Many: **We were created to give our best to our Creator, blooming and bearing fruit in all we say and do.**  
One: Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy, who risk all they have hoping against hope.  
Many: **We come to this meeting house to offer our praises, to receive strength and encouragement for our journey.**

†HYMN 56

[\*For the Beauty of the Earth\*](#)

DIX

†OPENING PRAYER

**Come, Holy God, search our souls and try our hearts. Grant us wise counsel and clear direction in this hour of worship. Touch us, teach us; hear us, heal us. Send your Spirit to walk with us, as Christ walked with the disciples long ago. May your coming realm become for us a present reality and a future hope. Grant us living water to quench our thirst and feed our hunger. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*

WEBB

The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube-Sengupta, director

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

[\*Jeremiah 17:7-8\*](#)

†RESPONSE 263

[\*Surely the Presence of the Lord\*](#)

WOLF

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

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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YOUTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION: BLOOM WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED

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.**

HYMN 638

[\*In the Bulb There Is a Flower\*](#)

PROMISE

CALL TO OFFERING

Quenched by living water, we are better prepared to grow in faith. May God multiply the blessings we share in serving God and humankind. Let us give with joy.

OFFERTORY

*Grant Us Thy Peace*

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

The First Church Choir

†DOXOLOGY 46

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDETH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Thank you, God, for the power you provide, the hunger you fulfill, and the healing you produce in those who respond to your love. You have touched our lives in ways that enrich our lives and allow us to flower. Use what we have shared to fulfill the lives of others – neighbors and strangers, near**

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!*