

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

*Sprit of the Living God*  
The First Church Choir

LIVING GOD

POSTLUDE

*Allegro, from Organ Concerto #15*

JOHANN WALTHER

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

June 7, 2026  
10 o'clock

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*Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor*  
*Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts*  
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FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD

JUNE 07, 2026

PRELUDE

*Communion in A Minor*  
*Song for the Lonely*  
Michael Loveland, oboe

ALEXANDRE GUILMANT  
WILLIAM GRANT STILL

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

BOB CALEF

One: Creator God, we come yearning for the gift of faith.  
Many: **We long for healing and wholeness, for peace and comfort.**  
One: Compassionate Christ, touch our hearts and heal our weary souls.  
Many: **Bind our wounds, that we may offer healing to those in need.**  
One: Holy Spirit, fall afresh on us, that we may follow your guidance.  
Many: **Fill us with hope, that we may offer hope wherever we go.**

†HYMN 24

[\*The God of Abraham Praise\*](#)

LEONI

†OPENING PRAYER

**Faithful God, thank you for blessing us in countless ways from generation to generation. Thank you for creating us in your image, to continue your creative work, to care for all creation, and to work toward justice for all. In this time of worship, guide and strengthen us by the power of your presence. When worship has ended, may we go forth to bless your world -- relying on faith and hoping against hope. In your blessed name, we pray. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CORY LOUIS MUNRO  
CHILD OF KELLY AND TYLER MUNRO

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

[Genesis 12: 1-7](#)  
[Romans 4:16-21](#)

†RESPONSE 263

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

WOLF

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.**

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

**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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SERMON

*Depending on Faith. Hoping Against Hope.*

rev.fredd

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 384

[\*Here at Thy Table, Lord\*](#)

BREAD OF LIFE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CALL TO OFFERING

With gratitude for every good gift already received, we present our offerings. May God guide us to give generously of our time, talent, service, and treasure, that we bless the whole wide world.

OFFERTORY

*O Come and Dwell in Me*  
The First Church Choir, Michael Loveland, oboe

ARR. ARLEN CLARKE

†DOXOLOGY 46

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

**God of amazing grace and abundant love, bless these gifts. Bless our lives with your endless mercy and favor. In all that we are -- in all that we will be -- may we trust in your promises and honor your holy name. Amen.**

†HYMN 565

[\*If You Will Trust in God to Guide You\*](#)

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

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