CALL TO OFFERING

We strive to share the steadfast love of God by virtue of our three-fold mission statement and through the ministries of this church. Let us give with joy and justice in mind.

OFFERTORY — *On Wings of Song* — Gwenyth Walker
The First Church Choir

†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

Loving God, thank you for the many ways you enrich our individual lives and the life we share in this community of faith. Bless our offerings so that they may bring your presence in the world more fully; that they may shine your light far and wide; that they may supply hope and peace where despair and discord exist. In gratitude, we pray. Amen.

†HYMN 637 — *For All the Saints* — SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE — *Thank You, Lord* — SPIRITUAL
The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE — *Alle Menschen mussen sterben* — JOHANN PACHELBELL
("All Men Living Are But Mortal")

First Church of Christ Congregational
12 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107
(860) 233-9605| www.whfirstchurch.org
Give Online: http://www.whfirstchurch.org/giving/give

first church
WEST HARTFORD

Living in Spirit • Committed to Service • Open to All

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
All Saints Sunday

November 01, 2026
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 01, 2026**

PRELUDE *Variation on "Men may live a Godly life"* Jan Peter Sweelink
Air, from Overture in D Major (on the G String) J. S. Bach

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP DAWNE QUINN

One: After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number

Many: from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

One: Clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, they cried out with a loud voice:

Many: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

One: And all the angels, the elders, and the four living creatures fell on their faces before the throne and worship God, saying:

Many: "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!"

†HYMN 110 *Ye Servants of God* HANOVER

†OPENING PRAYER

God of heaven above and here below, we come into your holy presence with grateful hearts. Bless this time of worship and draw us closer to your heart. Bless and brighten our lives to reflect your great love for humankind. Bless our work in the world to bring about justice and compassion. Grant us humility to embrace sainthood, even when our sins and shortcomings haunt our days and cause us to condemn ourselves and others. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READINGS Revelation 7:9-12

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

†RESPONSE 33 *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art, how great thou art!

Tune: © 1949, 1953 The Stuart Hine Trust CIO. Used with permission through Onelicense.net, License #A-726915.

SERMON *More About Vision: A Great Multitude Robed in White* 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.

NAMING THE DEPARTED SAINTS OF FIRST CHURCH

Lauralynn Blanchard
Carl Hoff
Rev. Lee Ellenwood
Diane Denton
Deborah Doll
Michael Nearing
Gail Hamblett
Lois Durivage

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 639 *Let Hope and Sorrow Now Unite* MIT FREUDEN ZART

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!