



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEW MILFORD

September 28, 2025

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

The Solid Rock/Bradbury, arr. Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into His presence with singing.

People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

Leader: For the Lord is good. His mercy is everlasting and His truth endures to all generations.

All: God's people have gathered. Let us worship God together.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

HYMN*

We Gather Together #276

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, you have called us to be a church, one company of your people. We accept that call with joy. United by Christ's love, we gather now to worship you. Be present with us. We lift our hearts and minds to you. Speak your word to our lives. We ask this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray...

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:3-11

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

River in Judea/arr. John Leavitt

Song of Presentation*

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.

Offering Prayer*

God of all goodness, the earth is yours. Every wonder, season and sunrise are signs of your concern and care. Now we offer the fruits of our labor for your work through this church. We worship you not only with our gifts but with the offering of our very selves in your service. Amen

PASTOR BUCHAN RECOGNITION

HYMN*

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot #643

Church School children will process to the Parish House during the last verse.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 20: 32

Choral Response

SERMON

I Entrust You to God

Choral Response

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN*

My Hope is Built #537

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary/William Goodwin

**All are invited to stand in body or spirit*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Are Welcome Here: For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Large print bulletins are available at both entrances. Additionally, services are live streamed in the chapel, should you need to step out of the service for any reason. Simply turn on the TV. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.

Thank you to all the ladies that came out for our **Ladies Tea** on 9/20. Good food, faith, friends and fellowship. Look for our next date coming in November.

Thank you to everyone that participated and volunteered at last Sunday's **Walk-A-Mile!**

Thank you to all who volunteered their time leading up to and during Apple Fest yesterday. A special shout out to our Pie Peeps, Chapel Stitchers & Quilter as well as our Katie Johnson for promoting the CE program.

Coffee Hour: Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and cake following today's service.

Women of the Bible study group will meet in the Chapel Monday 9/29 at 1:00 PM.

Children Choir: Please note that the Cherubs Choir practice time has changed to 4:45 pm

Join us for **Lunch and learn** this Wednesday, October 1st at 12:00 PM. Our guest speaker is nutritionist Natalie Webb from Big Y nutrition. She will be presenting a "nutritional jeopardy". A great time of faith and fellowship and a bit of fun!

CPR Class: Steve McCarthy will be teaching a CPR and first aid class on Saturday, October 4 at 12:00 pm, there is a \$40 registration fee. For more information email: stevenmccarth65@gmail.com

Bible study group: Hannah Albright will be starting up a Bible study group in Fellowship Hall after service starting October 5th. The group will start with the Book of Genesis. If you are interested, please come down and join the conversation.

Blessing of the Pets will be on Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 pm outside the Parish House. Rain date will be Sunday, October 12.

The First Congregational United Church of Christ

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Today's service

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