

*June 21, 2026*



So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

**Genesis 21:14**

## *The United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville*

Church Location  
51 Cottage Street  
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Whitinsville, MA 01588

The members of United Presbyterian Church envision a vibrant congregation that passionately connects with God and one another, seeking to discover His presence deep within through meaningful worship, prayer, and Bible study. As we reflect on God's grace in our lives, we commit to growing together in faith and unity. We honor the diverse needs and opinions of all people, striving to build bridges of support, kindness, and peace within our church and community, fostering an environment where the Holy Spirit and God's love uplift hearts and lives.

**Worship Service: June 21, 2026**  
**Presiding Minister: Elder Mark Thomas**

\*Children's bulletins are available at the Welcome Center\*

\*\*Hearing devices are available upon request\*\*

\*\*\* All hymns are from The Celebration Hymnal (the green one) unless otherwise noted\*\*\*

**WE GATHER**

**Prelude:** "You Are My God"

Delevan

**Welcome:**

Mark Widner

**Announcements:**

Mark Widner

**Call to Worship:** (Psalm 86:1-10)

Mark Widner

One: Incline your ear, O LORD,

**All: Answer me, for I am poor and needy.**

One: Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;

**All: save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;**

One: be gracious to me, O Lord,

**All: for to you do I cry all day long.**

One: Gladden the soul of your servant,

**All: for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

One: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

**All: abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.**

One: Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

**All: listen to my cry of supplication.**

One: In the day of my trouble I call on you,

**All: for you will answer me.**

One: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,

**All: nor are there any works like yours.**

One: All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,

**All: and shall glorify your name.**

One: For you are great and do wondrous things;

**All: you alone are God.**

**Opening Hymn** #151 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Luther

**Call to Confession:**

Mark Widner

Friends,

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins,

God, who is faithful and just,

will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy in us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.** *Time for individual, silent prayers of confession.*

**Words of Assurance:**

Elder Mark Thomas

**Passing of the Peace:**

And this peace that we have received is simply too good to keep to ourselves,  
and so we share a sign of peace with one another.

The peace of the Lord will always be with you.

**And also with you.**

Please turn around and greet your neighbors with a wave or a sign of peace.

**Gloria Patri:**

## WORD

**Prayer for Illumination:**

Mark Widner

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom,  
and in your will discover your peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Reading:** Psalm 13

Mark Widner

Our first reading is Psalm 13. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O LORD my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken. But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD. because he has dealt bountifully with me.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message:**

**Anthem:** "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

Martin/Gabriel

Our second reading is Genesis 21:8-21 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** “The Rest of the Story: Hagar and Ishmael”

Elder Mark Thomas

**Hymn:** #716 “Jehovah Jireh”

Watson

**Creed:** Confession of 1967 9.43-47

**In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations. The following are particularly urgent at the present time.**

**--God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family.**

**--God’s reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of the peace, justice, and freedom among nations which all powers of government are called to serve and defend. The church, in its own life, is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the nations as practical politics the search for cooperation and peace.**

**-- The reconciliation of man through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world’s poor is the cause of his disciples.**

**--The relationship between man and woman exemplifies in a basic way God’s ordering of the interpersonal life for which he created mankind**

## ***WE RESPOND***

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer:**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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 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**

**Call for Offering:**

**Offertory:** “Thy Word”

Grant/Smith

**Offering:**

**Sing Doxology:**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**Closing Hymn:** #638 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

Hawks&Lowry/Lowry

***SENDING***

**Charge and Benediction:**

**Postlude:** “God Is So Good”

Traditional

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PRAYER CONCERNS FOR  
WEEK OF June 21, 2026

Keep Laurie Sabourin and her family in your prayers as she continues treatment for cancer.

Angelo's brother Wayne has esophageal cancer. Chemotherapy started this week and radiation will begin next week

Gay's friend Janet, who is undergoing cancer treatment

Tony Biernacki, who is recovering from Lyme disease

We give thanks to God for the life and ministry and faithfulness of the Rev. Wayne Parrish, who passed away on Tuesday, June 9. Wayne served as General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Boston and worshipped at PCIS (Presbyterian Church in Sudbury.)

We pray for our denomination's General Assembly which begins this week with 3 days of on-line committee work followed by a week-long business meeting on-site in Milwaukee.

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## Announcements for June 21 2026

All prayer concerns should be sent to the Church Office. The Administrative Assistant will make sure to get the prayer concerns to the person preaching that Sunday.

July Prayer Guides are available with the bulletins.

Mark Thomas will be unavailable in the church office from June 22 to July 3 due to his attendance at the General Assembly in Milwaukee as a Ruling Elder Commissioner from the Boston Presbytery. If you have a prayer request or an announcement for the bulletin, please send an email to the church's email address or leave a voice mail on the church phone line.

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### Giving Report

Giving Report Budgeted Operating Giving for 2025-2026 FY	49,000.00
Regular Offering Collected as of 1/31/2025	28,159.23
Expenses as of 12/31/2025	117,003.49

#### June 7, 2026

Regular	\$ 823.00
Missions	2.00
Total	825.00

#### June 14, 2026

Regular	\$ 489.00
Missions	21.00
Total	510.00

## July 2026 Worship Leader Calendar

	<b>July 5</b>	<b>July 12</b>	<b>July 19</b>	<b>July 26</b>	<b>August 2</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	M. Alling	L. Walsh	M. Thomas	S. Santoro	M. Widner
<b>Greeter</b>	B. Candalino	C. Lee	T. Remillard	T. Remillard	B. Candalino
<b>Sound Board</b>	M. Thomas	M. Thomas	L. Walsh	L. Walsh	L. Walsh
<b>Camera</b>	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker	J. Baker
<b>Media</b>	M. Widner	M. Widner	K. Remillard	K. Remillard	K. Remillard
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	M. Thomas	M. Thomas	T. Remillard	L. Walsh	M. Thomas
<b>Junior Church</b>	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break	Summer Break
<b>Counters</b>					

**Church Calendar of Events**  
**June 21-June 28, 2026**

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

Presiding Minister –Elder Mark Thomas  
Worship Leader—Mark Widner  
Greeter-Tanya Remillard  
Sound Board – Lynne Walsh  
Media –Ken Remillard  
Junior Church-Summer Break  
Camera – Jim Baker  
Coffee Hour-Tanya Remillard  
Counters –Carol Pilibosian  
Kimberly Mercer

**Wednesday, June 24 ,2026**

5:30 PM Peace of Bread

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

Presiding Minister – Elder Mark Widner  
Worship Leader—Suzanne Santoro  
Greeter – Tanya Remillard  
Sound Board – Lynne Walsh  
Media – Ken Remillard  
Junior Church- Summer Break  
Camera – Jim Baker  
Coffee Hour – Tanya Remillard  
Counters – Jim Baker  
Tanya Remillard

**People in Ministry**

**Ministers**

The People of this Congregation

**Pastor**

Andy Hall

**Minister of Music**

Eileen N. Straub

**Corporate Treasurer**

Ken Remillard

**Financial Secretary**

Lynne Walsh

**Administrative Assistant**

Mark Thomas

**Sexton**

Patricia Reynolds

**Session**

Rev Andy Hall, Moderator

Lynne Walsh, Clerk

Marilyn Alling

Ken Remillard

Tanya Remillard

Mark Thomas

Mark Widner

**Deacons**

Bonnie Candalino

Jean Finnegan

Gay McCrea

Carol Pilibosian

Becca Widner

**Trustees**

Jim Baker

Kimberly Mercer

Suzanne Santoro

## JUNE 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 21 (4th Sunday after Pentecost)

- 9:30 Choir Practice      10:30 AM Worship Service

Wednesday, June 24

- 5:30 PM Peace of Bread

Sunday, June 28 (5th Sunday after Pentecost)

- 9:30 Choir Practice      10:30 AM Worship Service

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