

July 5, 2026



This image brings together the promises of Psalm 27 and Psalm 91. The rising light reminds us of Psalm 27: “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?” The path is not perfectly smooth, and the clouds have not disappeared, but God’s light breaks through and gives courage for the road ahead.

The rocky shelter points to God as our refuge. Psalm 27 speaks of being hidden in God’s shelter and lifted high upon a rock, while Psalm 91 promises that those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High can rest under God’s protection. The wing-like clouds gently echo the words, “under his wings you will find refuge.”

Together, the picture reminds us that faith does not mean there will be no darkness, danger, or uncertainty. It means we do not walk alone. God is light for the path, shelter for the soul, and refuge for those who trust in Him.

The United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville

Church Location
51 Cottage Street,
Whitinsville, MA 01588

Office Location
7 Spring Street
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: July 5, 2026
Presiding Minister: Rev. Andy Hall

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: "Thou Art Worthy"

Mills

Welcome:

Marilyn Alling

Announcements:

Marilyn Alling

Call to Worship: [*credit: Dr. Lisa Hancock*]

Marilyn Alling

Leader - We gather to worship God with our full, imperfect selves.

People - We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

Leader - We gather as people who don't always know what to do in the face of difficult and complex circumstances..

People - We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

Leader - We gather as people who desire to follow God with our actions but struggle to connect what we want to do with what we actually do.

People - We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

Leader - Whether you come to worship today wondering if there is anything good left in the world or rejoicing in the small moments of goodness that remind you grace is still at work among us, you are welcome here.

People - We come to delight in the law of God, whose grace shows us how to live, work, play, and rest as a community of faith woven together by Love. Amen.

Opening Hymn: #428 "*In Christ There Is No East or West*"

Oxenham

Call to Confession:

Marilyn Alling

Friends,
as we observe the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America,
we celebrate the great promise of this country which claims values of equality, liberty,
dignity, democracy, and justice for all.

Yet, at the same time, we recognize that, too often, our country has failed to live up to
these high ideals.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not attended to the still small voice of God,
and we have failed to recognize the image of God in every person.

As Christians, we are called to confess our own entanglement with systems of
oppression, to repent, and to hold up the countercultural vision which Jesus proclaimed:
a vision of a better country, the reign of God.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, you have chosen us for a purpose – that we might bear lasting fruit for
your coming reign. You call us to walk humbly before you and to share in the struggle
with the least of these, yet we have failed to live up to this call.

When the church becomes the center of our world and we fail to see beyond its walls,
forgive us.

When our eyes become so fixed on priorities of our own making, that we fail to look for
Jesus in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned,
forgive us.

When we praise you with our lips, yet fail to reach out to others with acts of loving and
caring, justice and mercy, forgive us.

[silence]

Words of Assurance:

Rev. Andy Hall

Friends,

We cannot look to any nation, including our own, to be our savior.

The psalmist says that some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Thanks be to God, that in Jesus Christ, by the power of the Spirit,
we can already begin to see the reign of God breaking forth.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, so be at peace. **Amen.**

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 be always 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:

Marilyn Alling

Living God,
help us so to hear your holy Word
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe,
and, believing,
we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our LORD. Amen.

First Reading: Our first reading is Psalm 27.

Marilyn Alling

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh —
my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall.
Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, AND to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.
Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.
Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

Worship Leader: This is the Word of the LORD

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message:

Rev. Andy Hall

Anthem: “On Eagle's Wings”

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Second Reading: Our second reading is Psalm 91.
Hall

Rev. Andy

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.
You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.
Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,
no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them
and show them my salvation.

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Summer Playlist, Track 1: Orientation"

Rev. Andy Hall

Hymn: #793 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Pierpoint

WE RESPOND

Creed: [*adapted from the Confession of 1967*]

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In God's reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between siblings and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all human beings to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize their fellow human beings, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

Prayers of the People and the LORD's Prayer:

Rev. Andy Hall

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray,
and to offer our petitions to you in his name.

Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will
and show your steadfast love; through the same Jesus Christ our LORD.

Amen.

Let us pray for the world.

[silent prayer]

God our creator,
you made all things in your wisdom,
and in your love you save us.

We pray for the whole creation.

Overthrow evil powers, right what is wrong,
feed and satisfy those who thirst for justice,
so that all your children may freely enjoy the earth you have made,
and joyfully sing your praises;
through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the church.

[silent prayer]

Gracious God,
you have called us to be the church of Jesus Christ.
Keep us one in faith and service, breaking bread together,
and proclaiming the good news to the world,
that all may believe you are love,
turn to your ways,
and live in the light of your truth;
through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

Let us pray for peace.

[silent prayer]

Eternal God,
you sent us a Savior, Christ Jesus,
to break down the walls of hostility that divide us.
Send peace on earth, and put down greed, pride, and anger,
which turn nation against nation and race against race.
Speed the day when wars will end
and the whole world accepts your rule;
through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

Let us pray for enemies.

[silent prayer]

O God,
whom we cannot love unless we love our neighbors,
remove hate and prejudice from us and from all people,
so that your children may be reconciled
with those we fear, resent, or threaten;
and live together in your peace;
through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who govern us.

[silent prayer]

Mighty God,
sovereign over the nations,
direct those who make, administer, and judge our laws;
that, guided by your wisdom,
they may lead us in the way of righteousness;
through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

Let us pray for world leaders.

[silent prayer]

Eternal Ruler, hope of all the earth,
give vision to those who serve the United Nations,
and to those who govern all countries;
that, with goodwill and justice,
they may take down barriers,
and draw together one new world in peace;
through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the sick.

[silent prayer]

Merciful God,
you bear the pain of the world.
Look with compassion on those who are sick
cheer them by your word,
and bring healing as a sign of your grace;
through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who sorrow.

[silent prayer]

God of comfort,
stand with those who sorrow;
that they may be sure that neither death nor life,
nor things present nor things to come,
shall separate them from your love;
through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

Let us pray for friends and families.

[silent prayer]

God of compassion,
bless us and those we love,
our friends and families;
that, drawing close to you,
we may be drawn closer to each other;
through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

God of all generations,
we praise you for all your servants
who, having been faithful to you on earth,
now live with you in heaven.
Keep us in fellowship with them,
until we meet with all your children
in the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

Mighty God,
whose Word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray:
Accept our requests
and further those which will bring about your purpose for the earth;
through Jesus Christ, who rules over all things. **Amen.**

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.**

Invitation to the LORD's Table:

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west, and from north and south,
and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

This is not my table, or your table, or United Presbyterian Church's table.

This is the LORD's table.

And our Savior invites all to share in the feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving:

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the LORD.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy

to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides.

You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.
They shall perish, but you shall endure.

You are always the same and your years will never end.

You made us in your image and called us to be your people,
but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign.

Still, you loved us and sought us.

In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

[sung:]

**Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our LORD.

You sent your only-begotten, in whom your fullness dwells,
to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.

Revealing your love, Jesus taught those who would hear him,
healed those who believed in him, received all who sought him
and lifted the burden of their sin.

We glorify you for your great power and love at work in Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made us a new people by water and the Spirit.

We give you thanks that the LORD Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread,
and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,

shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us,
and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ
and with all who are baptized in his name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved.
Knowing our own weakness, may we stand with all who stumble.
Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer.
Held in his love, may we embrace all whom the world denies.
Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection,
when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread:

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body;

for it is one loaf of which we all partake.

When we break the bread, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

When we give thanks over the cup, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn: #461 “*In Remembrance*”

Courtney

[In just a moment, our communion servers will come around to bring you the bread, which is gluten-free. You may eat the bread as soon as you receive it. After that, the servers will bring around the cups of grape juice. For the juice, please wait until everyone has been served and then we will all drink it together. I now invite the communion servers to come forward.]

Communion of the People:

Prayer After Communion:

**Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his body and blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our LORD. Amen.**

Call for Offering:

All that we are, and all that we have, are gifts from God.
Out of our gratitude for God’s manifold blessings,
we want to offer back to God a portion of what God has given to us.

As scripture invites us:

Ascribe to the LORD the honor due God’s name;

Bring offerings and come into God's courts.

Offertory: "In His Time. *In His Time*"

Ball

Offering:

Sing Doxology:

Prayer of Dedication:

Gracious Redeemer, you know us completely —
our good intentions, our wavering will, our stumbling steps.
Like Paul, we confess the war within us:
we long to do what is right, yet too often fall short.
Still, you meet us not with condemnation, but with mercy and grace.
So, we bring these offerings, not to earn your favor,
but to respond in gratitude for a Savior who rescues us from sin's grip.
Use these gifts, and use us, to offer hope where there is despair,
light where there is shadow,
and love where there is brokenness.
We give because you gave first —
and because your Spirit empowers us to live not by our strength, but by your grace.
In Christ's name, we pray, Amen.

Closing Hymn: #575" *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*"

Hoffman

SENDING

Charge and Benediction

And now, may the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our LORD;

and may the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be upon you, and remain with you always.

Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude: "Blessed Be the Name of the LORD"

Clark&Hudson

Announcements for July 5th, 2026

Attention Worship Leaders!! If you know your summer vacation schedule, please turn the dates when you are unavailable during the summer into the Church Office. The Administrative Assistant is currently working on the June 2026 schedule.

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.

Support our on-line broadcasts and the ongoing ministry of the church by mailing a contribution to the United Presbyterian Church, 7 Spring Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 or online by going to www.whitinpres.org/give click on the "Give" tab and then scroll down and click on the yellow Pay Pal DONATE button.

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PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF July 5th, 2026

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

Angelo's brother Wayne has esophageal cancer. Please keep him in your prayers as he completes radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

Tanya's son Jason has a friend Bella who had a bad fall skateboarding causing a concussion and deep cuts please pray for her healing.

Tanya's friend Cindy is having surgery Monday and needs our prayers to calm her spirit and for her healing.

Church Calendar of Events
July 5-12, 2026

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Presiding Minister - Rev. Andy Hall
Worship Leader - Marilyn Alling
Greeter - Suzanne Santoro
Sound Board - Mark Thomas
Media - Mark Widner
Junior Church - Summer Vacation
Camera - Jim Baker
Coffee Hour - Mark Thomas
Counters - Suzanne Santoro/Lynne Walsh

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

5:30 - PM Peace of Bread

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Presiding Minister - Rev. Andy Hall
Worship Leader - Suzanne Santoro
Greeter - Chris Lee
Sound Board - Mark Thomas
Media - Ken Remillard
Junior Church - Summer Vacation
Camera - Jim Baker
Coffee Hour - Mark Widner
Counters - Carol Pilibosian/Ken Remillard

Monday, July 20, 2026

6:30 PM - Session Meeting (Church Office)

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
Mike Sabourin
Suzanne Santoro

Giving Report

Giving Report Budgeted Operating Giving for 2025-2026 FY	49,000.00
Regular Offering Collected as of 4/30/2025	40,459.17
Expenses as of 4/30/2025	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

June 21, 2026

Regular	\$ 377.00
Missions	6.00
Total	383.00

June 28, 2026

Regular	\$ 798.00
Missions	2.00
Total	800.00

BIRTHDAYS

Tony Santoro 7/16

Jim Baker 7/17

Mark Thomas 7/21

Suzanne Santoro 7/29

July 2026 Worship Leader Calendar

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

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