

FAITH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

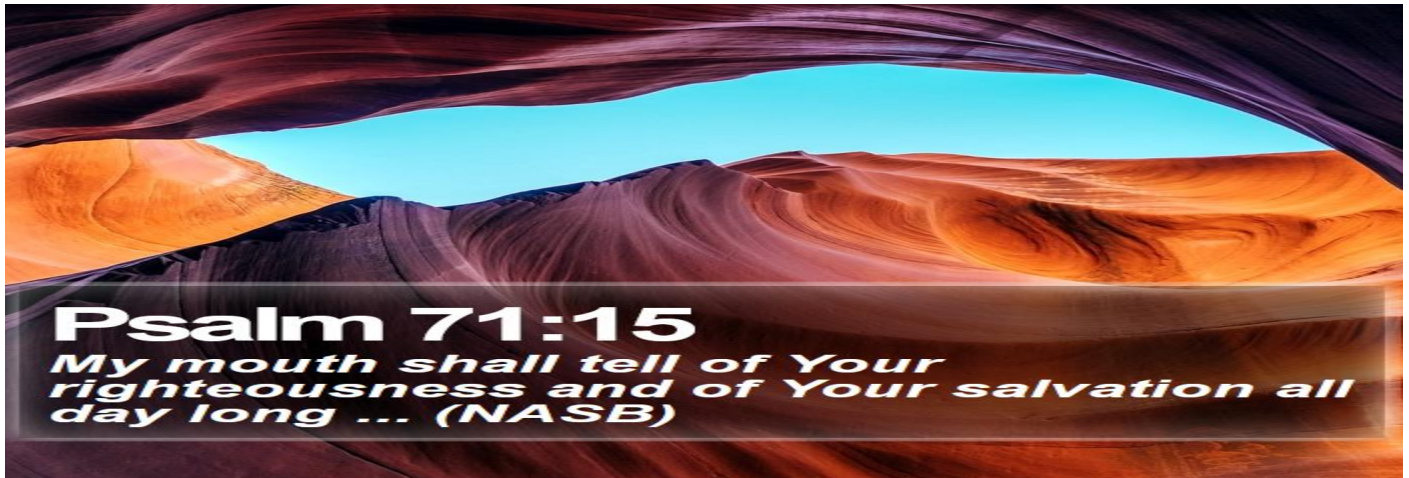
2030 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06120

Phone: 860-547-0820 ~ Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.

Rev. Cleo Graham, Pastor

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August 30, 2026 ~ Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost ~ Testimony Sunday

PRELUDE

Bro. Wayne Dixon

WELCOME

Dea. Mark Welch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dea. Pamela Walters

Faith Church Welcome Song: *"You are welcome in this place in Jesus Name. You are welcome in this place in Jesus Name. We're glad you've come among us, and we pray you feel God's Love through us. You're welcome in this place in Jesus Name!" (Sung twice)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(congregants read **BOLD** aloud)

Dea. Mark

Our mouths will tell of God's righteousness and saving grace. **We will proclaim God's faithfulness all day long.** From our youth until this very moment, God has been our teacher and our strength. **We remember the wonders of God and give thanks.** And even as the years unfold, our testimony continues. **We will tell the next generation of God's power, love, and faithfulness.** Come, people of God, let every generation lift its voice. **With gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips, let us worship God!**

*OPENING HYMN

"I Love To Tell The Story"

#513 AAHH

PRAYER OF INVOCATION &
SHARING THE PEACE

(spoken together)

Dea. Mark

"Faithful God, You have been our teacher, our strength, and our hope through every season. As we gather in worship, fill our hearts with gratitude and our mouths with praise. Help us remember your faithfulness, trust your presence today, and share your goodness with the generations yet to come. May our worship become a living testimony to your grace, justice, and enduring love. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen." **And let us now share a moment of peace with each other!**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 71:15-18

Rev. Arthur Gaither

*[red Bible (NKJV): p. 566-7; blue Bible (NRSV): OT p. 414]
"The Word of God for the People of God. Praise Be to God!"*

*GLORIA PATRI (sung)

*"Glory be to the Father (Creator, Mother) 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."*

TIME OF TESTIMONIES w/ TESTIMONIAL RESPONSE

"My Soul Is A Witness," Dea. Pamela

Sls. Sarah Gamble ~ Bro. Aiden MacCullagh ~ Min. Patricia Hollis ~ Sis. Najeia Mention

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

"He Has Done Great Things For Me" (#507 AAHH)

Rev. Arthur Gaither

At this time, we invite you to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and become a member of our church!
You may come forward now and be received by the Pastor or Deacon or speak to the Pastor or a Deacon
after service today. It's never too late, and we will embrace you in faith and thanksgiving!

PASTORAL & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Arthur Gaither

RESPONSE TO PRAYER

"He's Sweet I Know"

#510 AAHH

OFFERTORY APPEAL

Bro. Tyrone Adeyemi

GIVE WITH A GRATEFUL HEART - *REMEMBER THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN OFFERING*

1. Text: Send a text to **73256** Type: **'faithchurch'** and follow the prompts.
2. Online: At <https://www.faithmatterstoday.org> . Look for the  button.
3. Check: Mail checks payable to **'Faith Congregational Church'** 2030 Main St., Hartford, CT 06120.
4. Cash App: \$FaithChurch200
5. In-Person: Ushers will now come to the pews to collect your offering.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Great Is Your Mercy/What He's Done For Me"

Dea. Pamela Walters

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bro. Tyrone Adeyemi

*DOXOLOGY (sung)

*"Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen."*

*CLOSING HYMN

"He's Done So Much For Me"

#511 AAHH

BENEDICTION

Rev. Gaither

POSTLUDE

Bro. Wayne Dixon

*(*Please stand, if able)*

Hymnals - AAHH: African American Heritage Hymnal; NCH: New Century Hymnal; OLOFOB: One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



[1]Announcements for the Week [1]



7th Annual Meeting of the SNEUCC

This meeting, with the theme 'The Ties That Bind,' is being held Sept. 25 - 27 at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA and online, with some events being held at other Worcester venues. The Rev. Dr. Rapheal G. Warnock, U.S. Senator from Georgia, is scheduled to give the keynote address at 4 PM on Saturday, Sept. 26, and to preach at worship at 10 AM on Sunday. While both of those events will be held at the DCU Center, the worship service will be livestreamed. More info can be found at this link:

<https://www.sneucc.org/eventdetail/7th-annual-meeting-of-the-sneucc-19566021>

August Birthdays

Wishing a 'happy birthday' to our Faith family and members born in August: Simone Smith, Rev. Mia Douglas, Dea. Vivian MacAlpine, Marc Brown, Regina Waters, Norma Sproul, Caleb Bostic-Gardner, Callie Bostic-Gardner, Meryth 'Deanie' Andrews, Brittany Walters, Al Strother, Kendall Hayes, Olga Callender, Veronica DeLandro and Elizabeth DeLandro! If we missed your birthday, please email our administrative assistant, Regina Waters, with your birthday month and day at faithmatters.admn@gmail.com.

Installation of Rev. Marianne MacCullagh

We at Faith Church invite you to joyfully celebrate the Installation of Rev. Marianne MacCullagh as pastor of the United Congregational Church of Conway on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 2 p.m. The service will be held at 44 Whately Road in Conway, MA. Faith Church members and friends are invited to attend and surround Rev. MacCullagh and her new church family with our prayers and support as they begin this new season of ministry together. Carpooling is encouraged, and please contact our administrative assistant, Regina Waters at faithmatters.admn@gmail.com with questions.

Bible Studies & Park And Pray

Weekly Monday Bible Study: 7pm w/ Rev. Arthur Gaither at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89131531513?pwd=WfQ2M3dNYjZSU3NocHEzOXRQb3lWUT09>

Remember our Sick and Shut in your prayers, and all may Park and Pray at 1:11 pm for a

Daily Prayer in the Spirit with Pastor Graham or at <https://parkandprayat111.com>

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU

Mr. Jamie Gamble

Lady Lorna Blake & Sis. Olga Callender

Sis. Betty Ann Rooks & Dea. A. Lee Martin

Dea. Wendy Christian & Bro. Fred Crayton

Mr. Lawrence D. Pinkston II & Mr. Roy Stafford

Sis. Barbara E. James & Ms. Vivienne Cooke

Dr. Ruth Bass Green & Sis. Carrie Simpson

Sis. Doreen Webb & Sis. Donna Burgess

Sis. Orelia Myers & Sis. Audrey Levine

Mr. Jeffrey M. Bass & Ms. Judith A. LaBelle

Min. Patricia Hollis & Bro. Bill Hollis

The Families of Faith Members who have lost Loved Ones



Faith Church is the oldest Historically Black Church in the city of Hartford. In our 207th year, the church is still a vibrant community of believers. We hold a high level of trust and witness to God's grace in the midst of human life. As a congregation of the United Church of Christ, (Southern New England Conference) we are devoted to making disciples for Christ. We are an **Open & Affirming, justice-minded church**; a community committed to addressing issues in a denomination that often leads the way in our nation as we celebrate many firsts as part of our history. For example, the UCC is the first denomination to ordain a Black man, a woman, and a LGBTQ person into ministry in this nation.

Faith Church is a historic local church, too, having participated in the nation's first civil rights case, (the Amistad trial) where the captives on the ship La Amistad were eventually set free. Faith Church raised significant dollars for the captive's defense. The first school for "Colored Children" in Hartford was started here as well. We are a caring community through the empowering and liberating Word of God revealed and lived through Jesus Christ.

Faith Church is a place where we discover, develop, and grow our faith. FAITH MATTERS TODAY and ALWAYS! Faith Church is a place where questions are welcomed, and answers are discovered and shared. Our faith is Bible-centered, but we trust in the sharing we seek to do with one another, to grow in faith as well. We would welcome you. Our Spiritual Gifts are discovered and shared for the glory of God. We celebrate our history and build upon the best of the old and new traditions of our faith and worship...we love to tell the story! Our community extends beyond the doors of our church, and we bear witness, testify, and share the Good News. We are not afraid to try new things and embrace those things that help us praise God with spirit and in truth.

NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME AT FAITH!

Pastor: Rev. Cleo D. Graham

Office Manager: Patricia A. Gray

Administrative Assistant: Regina Waters

Pastoral Support: Rev. Arthur Gaither

Minister of Music: Wayne Dixon

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Ass't Treasurer: TBD

Moderator: Norma Sproul

Ass't Moderator: Gail Martin

Trustee Board Co-Chairs: Lorrie Adeyemi & Otis Anthony

Deacons: Mark Welch (Chair), Pamela Walters (Co-Chair), Johnny Barnum, Wendy Booker-Nixon, Eric W. Gray, Llonia Jackson, Cheryl 'CC' Johnson, A. Lee Martin, Chelsea Neal, Charron Stoddart, Andrew 'Al' Strother, Linnette Williams

Tech Deacons: Aiden MacCullagh, Regina Waters, Otis Anthony, Yvonne Brown **On Call:** Marcelus Brown, Yannick Gordon, Savannah Hayes, Gail V. Martin

Ushers: Lenore Bailey, Mika Benford, Veronica DeLandro, Sharon Flowers, Dea. Llonia Jackson, Carol Knight-Mosby, Chelsea Neal, Errol Smith, Loretta Smith, Dea. Andrew 'Al' Strother, Dea. Mark Welch, Dea. Linnette Williams

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