

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF PLAINVILLE  
Founded in 1840

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

A “God is Still Speaking” Church

*No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.*



**The Order of Morning Worship  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 16, 2018**

**10A.M.**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

*People lose themselves in many ways. Losing yourself for the sake of Christ is an act of will that leads to deeper self in the end.*

\* All who are able may stand

**GATHERED TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Donna Cassity

INTROIT

**CENTERING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ON GOD**

*Bringing in the Light of Christ*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(from Mark 8: 27-30)*

Jesus asks the disciples:

**“Who do people say I am?”**

They answer, "Some say John the Baptist; some say Elijah; and others say one of the prophets." But Jesus presses them:

**“Who do you say I am?”**

Peter answers, "You are Christ—God’s anointed one, God-with-us!" Now Jesus pushes *us*:

**“What about you? Here, in this moment, in this community, who do you say I am?”**

Where do we find the wisdom to answer?

\*OPENING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

PH #228

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(Please remain standing)*

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ calls on us to “lose our life in order to save it”; to “take up our cross and follow” in the ways of justice and peace.

**Like the disciples before us, we are often amazed and overwhelmed by this command. We close our ears to such challenge and our hearts to such risk.**

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God's words and actions are never careless; in sending Jesus Christ to the world, God offers a model and a companion, a source of ever-flowing love and acceptance and wisdom. In Christ we are forgiven all our failings, and given strength to start again.

**Amen.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI

PH #513

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

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

## MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN

Ruthe Boiczuk

## A BLESSING FOR THE ACOLYTES

## A STORY FOR ALL AGES

\* the children depart to their classrooms to "traveling music" of:

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

NCH #31 vs. 1

## **HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

### \*CENTERING HYMN

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

PH #157

### INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

### THE GOSPEL

*Mark 8:27-38*

p. 43

### SERMON

*Losing Your Life (or Your Mind) for Jesus*

### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE**

### INVITATION TO SHARE

### THE OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

NCH #780

***Praise God for whom all blessings flow. Praise [God] all Creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father [Creator], Son [Christ], and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All-knowing God, teach us to use these gifts to create greater access, insights, and wisdom for people within and outside of these walls. So be it!**

**SCATTERED TO SERVE**

*Carrying Out the light of Christ into the World*

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

PH #7

BENEDICTION (*Please be seated*)

Let us ponder the challenge of Jesus this week: Who do we say Christ is in our lives, our community, our world? Let Holy Wisdom shine through all our pondering, and lead us to recognize and serve our Risen Savior in all our encounters.

**Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

*We hope you received God's comfort, insight and inspiration through worship, prayer and song that carries with you through the week.*

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***Thank You this morning to:***

Deacon in charge: Donna Zapatka

Trustee in charge: Jason Zakrzewski

Greeters: The Cassinari Family

Nursery caregiver coordinated by: Donna Blanchard

***Flowers this morning are in Loving Memory of Shirley and Don Brown.  
Given by Elizabeth Brown.***

# ACOLYTE INSTALLATION

## INTRODUCTION

### RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF YOUTH MINISTRY

There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all. Therefore, I ask you in the presence of this assembly, are you now willing to undertake this responsibility and role in this worshiping assembly? If so answer,

**Yes, with the help of God.**

And having offered yourselves in the acolyting ministry of this congregation, will you follow our Lord's example of humble service to others in this world, if so answer,

**Yes, with the help of God.**

### CANDLE LIGHTING

Receive then the light that leads our way as we gather together to worship our Lord. Bear it for us that we may see in your ministry the light of Christ our Lord.

### BLESSING PRAYER

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

|                   |                   |                                            |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sun (9/16)</b> | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Worship</b>                             |
|                   | <b>11:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Scrip Order Available (Kelsey Hall)</b> |
|                   | <b>11:30 a.m.</b> | <b>MSAC Meeting (Library)</b>              |
|                   | <b>11:30 a.m.</b> | <b>EvCG Meeting (Parlor)</b>               |
|                   | 1:00 p.m.         | CT Rose Society (Kelsey Hall)              |
|                   | 5:00 p.m.         | R.I.                                       |
|                   | 7:00 p.m.         | NA                                         |
| Mon (9/17)        | 10:00 a.m.        | Al-Anon                                    |
| Tues (9/18)       | 10:30 a.m.        | AA                                         |
|                   | 7:00 p.m.         | AA                                         |
|                   | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Church Council Meeting (Library)</b>    |
| Wed (9/19)        | 7:00 p.m.         | NA                                         |
| Thurs (9/20)      | <b>1:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Coffee Hours (Dunkin' Donuts)</b>       |
|                   | 7:00 p.m.         | NA                                         |
| Fri (9/21)        | 7:00 p.m.         | NA                                         |
| Sat (9/22)        | 6:30 p.m.         | NA                                         |
| <b>Sun (9/23)</b> | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Worship</b>                             |
|                   | 7:00 p.m.         | NA                                         |

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***In our Prayers this week, we remember:***

Mark Smith, Dave (Jocelyn Michaud's friend), Anita Byrne, John Borry, Eric Plourde (Bonnie & Dave Mazurek's nephew), Sarah Soucy, Eleanor Kordes, Anna Mae Vaillant (Eleanor Kordes's sister), Aaron Gudema (Eleanor Kordes's brother-in-law), Hailey, Erin (Nancy Simone's sister-in-law), Stroble Family, Ella (Sandy Dombroski's co-worker), Elizabeth (Joanna Vastola's cousin), Jim Corliss, Jessie Ziegler, Tommy McCormack (Bev Letendre's cousin), Those affected by the Fires in California, Chris Horvath, David Anderson (Robin Anderson's father-in-law), Those affected by the Duck Boat accident in Missouri, Charlene Archambault, Cliff Carlson, Joan Dante, Bertha Dickman, Charlotte Karabin, Audrey Lewis, Gordan McCann, Beverly Raymond, Alana Devich, Scott Carpenter, Marty Gephart (Mary Fuller's sister), Ruth Pater, Leslie Urbanski, ***and the families and friends of:*** Justin Hinckley, Becky Silvernale, Jimmy Ross, Chad Meyer (Teresa Talarico's cousin), Beverly (Marilyn Borry's friend), ***as well as members and friends serving in the military:*** Spencer Pelletier, Renny Astolfi Sr., James Palmer, Mark Terrill, Ryan Steikers, Shawn Ellis & Quinn Coughlin