

# **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  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 8, 2019**

**10A.M.**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

The gospel doesn't need a coalition devoted to keeping the wrong people out. It needs a family of sinners, saved by grace, committed to tearing down the walls, throwing open the doors, and shouting, "Welcome! There's bread and wine. Come eat with us and talk." This isn't a kingdom for the worthy; it's a kingdom for the hungry. - Rachel Held Evans

\* As you are able please rise in body or spirit

**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

Nicole Guglietta, Sunday School Children

God calls us into community.

**We belong to one another.**

All are welcome.

**All are welcome.**

All are valued.

**All are valued.**

All are loved.

**All are loved.**

God calls us into community.

**We belong to one another.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Lift High the Cross*

NCH #198

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

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our lives, you search us and know us. We have refused to take up your cross, to bear the burdens that are ours to carry. We have not given up our attachments to possessions or to self. We have not counted the cost of walking into an unknown future with you. Help us turn away from evil, that we may walk with you once more.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The Holy One rejoices in our repentance, reshaping us into vessels of love and service. In the grace-filled love of Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. 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

Mary Fuller

HYMN

*Congregation Choice*

all verses

A STORY FOR ALL AGES

\* the children return to their seats to "traveling music" of:

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

NCH #31 vs. 1

### **HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Philemon 1:1-21*

\*CENTERING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

NCH #228

SERMON

*Dear Abby, Dear John*

HYMN RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE

*Congregation Choice* (all verses)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

RESPONSIVE INVITATION TO SHARE

Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of truth is with us! Each week we take time to acknowledge the many ways that God continues to bless us with good gifts.

**We then share what we have with joy and thanksgiving, returning to God a portion of what God has given us.**

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

**Gracious God we thank you for the opportunity to give our time, talent, and treasure for the building of your Kingdom on earth. Bless every gift, tithe, and offering that's deposited into your Kingdom today; we offer this prayer in your mighty name. Amen.**

**SCATTERED TO SERVE**

*Carrying Out the Light of Christ into the World*

\*CLOSING HYMN

*I'm On My Way*

see insert

BENEDICTION

With empty hands and open hearts, go forth to follow Jesus in love and service to the world.

**Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

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



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

Deacon in charge: Al Valeri

Trustee in charge: Rex Cone

Greeters: Sunday School Children

Nursery caregiver coordinated by: Donna Blanchard

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>Sun (9/8)</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship ~ Rally Sunday!</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>All-Church Picnic (Front Lawn)</b>
	5:00 p.m.	R.I.
Mon (9/9)	7:00 p.m.	NA
	10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon
	6:30 p.m.	Zumba (Kelsey Hall)
Tues (9/10)	10:30 a.m.	AA
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Finance Committee Meeting (Library)</b>
	7:00 p.m.	AA
Wed (9/11)	7:00 p.m.	NA
Thurs (9/12)	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Coffee Hours (Dunkin' Donuts)</b>
	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Diaconate meeting (Library)</b>
	7:00 p.m.	NA
Fri (9/13)	7:00 p.m.	NA
Sat (9/14)	9:00 a.m.	Mum & Bake Sale (Front Lawn)
	11:30 a.m.	MSAC meeting
	6:30 p.m.	NA
<b>Sun (9/15)</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	1:00 p.m.	CT Rose Society (Kelsey Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	NA

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The Rev. Donna Cassity, Interim Minister  
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***In our Prayers this week, we remember:***

Sandy Dombroski, Wally Smykla, People of Texas, People of the Bahamas, Pat (Rinette Yanez's brother), Amy (Cheryl Cone's daughter-in-law), Hank Czajkowski, Jurg Oggenfuss, Meredith (Claranne Parker's granddaughter), Kathy (Claranne Parker's friend), Frank Hoxie, Victims of shootings in El Paso & Dayton, Derek (Rev. Donna's son), Bert (Jennifer Zakrzewski's friend), Rob, Billie Anderson (Robin Anderson's mother-in-law), Wally Smykla, Carlos Lopez, Hailey, Jim (Rinette Yanez's son-in-law), Nicole Bard, Abby (Linda Valeri's sister), Axel Sundberg (Kyle Wright's friend), Hank Czajkowski, Joe Talarico, Susan (Marilyn Ronewicz's friend), Kimberly Lopez's mother, Maria Duval's dad, Frank Hoxie's co-worker, Pastoral Search Committee, Summer staff at Silver Lake, Charlene Archambault, John Borry, Cliff Carlson, Scott Carpenter, Joan Dante, John Dombroski, Charlotte Karabin, Gordan McCann, Tommy McCormack, Leslie Urbanski, ***and the families and friends of:*** Ed Meyer, Sally Armata (Raegan Armata Wazorko's mother), Charles Whitman (Marianne Wright's great-uncle), Barbara Thompson, ***well as members and friends serving in the military:*** Beth Smith, Mark Joseloff, Adam Smith, Spencer Pelletier, Renny Astolfi Sr., James Palmer, Mark Terrill, Ryan Steikers, Shawn Ellis & Quinn Coughlin.

# SERMON SERIES

## *September*

**September 8 ~ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Philemon 1:1-21**                      *Dear Abby, Dear John*

**September 15 ~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Luke 15:1-10**                      *Table Manners*

**September 22 ~ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Luke 16:1-13**                      *Real-Life Questions*

**September 29 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Luke 16:19-31**                      *A Matter of Life and Death*

## *October*

**October 6 ~ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Luke 17:5-10**                      *All Sizes Fit One*

**October 13 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Luke 17:11-19**                      *Healing and Wholeness*

**October 20 ~ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Luke 18:1-8**                      *Unlimited Calling Plan*

**October 27 ~ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Luke 18:9-14**                      *Gather in God's Grace*

# SAVE THE DATE!

The Congregational Church of Plainville's  
14th Annual

## Mum & Bake Sale



**SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**

**9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Mums ~ Baked Goods  
and More!**

For More Information contact the Church Office at 860-747-1901  
or via email: [churchoffice@uccplainville.org](mailto:churchoffice@uccplainville.org)

*This event will be held Rain or Shine!*

130 West Main Street, Plainville, CT ~ 860-747-1901 ~ [www.uccplainville.org](http://www.uccplainville.org)

***New this Year!*** We will **not** be taking Pre-orders for Mums this year. To purchase your beautiful Karabin Farms mums please join us at the

***14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mum & Bake Sale on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
from 9am – 2pm.***

Mums will be available for \$7.00 for a single plant, 4 plants for \$25. The colors this year will be Red/Burgundy, Pink/Purple, White, Bronze/Orange or Yellow.



# **I'm On My Way**

**Traditional African American folk tune**

**I'm on my way, to the freedom land  
I'm on my way, to the freedom land  
I'm on my way, to the freedom land  
I'm on my way, great God  
I'm on my way.**

**I asked my sister, come go with me  
I asked my sister, come go with me  
I asked my sister, come go with me  
I'm on my way, great God  
I'm on my way.**

**I asked my brother, come go with me  
I asked my brother, come go with me  
I asked my brother, come go with me  
I'm on my way, great God  
I'm on my way.**

**If they say no, I'll go anyhow  
If they say no, I'll go anyhow  
If they say no, I'll go anyhow  
I'm on my way, great God  
I'm on my way.**

**I'm on my way, and I won't turn back  
I'm on my way, and I won't turn back  
I'm on my way, and I won't turn back  
I'm on my way, great God  
I'm on my way.**