

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 Congregational Church of Plainville serves the community in the Spirit of Christ.
All Welcomed. All Valued. All Loved.*

**The Order of Morning Worship
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

November 17, 2019

10A.M.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*God will one day bring all things to a close, but in the meantime,
we have important work to do.*

* As you are able please rise in body or spirit

GATHERED TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reverend Donna Cassity

INTROIT

Emmanuel

McGee

CENTERING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ON GOD

Bringing in the Light of Christ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come people of God; come and celebrate God's gift of salvation.

We come without fear. We come trusting in God.

Come people of God; hear God's promises and witness God's mighty deeds.

**In hearing the promises, in witnessing the mighty deeds of God, we
are strengthened for all that lies ahead.**

Come, let us worship and praise God by shouting aloud and singing for joy, for
God truly is in our midst.

*OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

NCH #28

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*Please remain standing*)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we are more like the vision in Luke than the vision of Isaiah. We see
wars, hatred, and violence everywhere, yet despair of ever stopping them.
We see oppression and injustice and persecution, but fail to raise our
voices in prophetic protest. We have become a pessimistic people. Help us
believe - really believe - in Isaiah's vision of the peaceable kingdom, in your
promise of a new heaven and new earth. Let your cry be our cry: "They
shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain." Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God is our strength and our salvation. God's anger is turned away, and in its
place we find comfort, steadfast love, and forgiveness. With this hope, we can
draw water from the wells of salvation with joy and thanksgiving.

*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

ANTHEM *Some Glad Morning* Albert Brumley
~Voices of Praise

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

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE
THE NEW TESTAMENT *2 Thessalonians 3:6-16*

*CENTERING HYMN *I Must Tell Jesus* NCH #486

SERMON *Are You Tired?*

MUSICAL RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE

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 *Let the Praise Go 'Round* Boyce/Hopson

*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
O God, we long to make a difference in our world. We offer you what we have: our visions and dreams; our witness to your saving acts of love and justice; our resources to help bring the new heaven and new earth into our midst. We offer you our very lives, that we may be coworkers with you to bring about true change. Amen.

SCATTERED TO SERVE
Carrying Out the Light of Christ into the World

*CLOSING HYMN *On the River Jordan's Banks I Stand* NCH #598

BENEDICTION
Go forth into a world that needs new visions. Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. Live the dream. Make it reality. Celebrate endings and new beginnings, challenges and promises. Live the new creation.
Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Spirit of the Living God* Iverson

*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: Robin Anderson  
Trustee in charge: Frank Hoxie  
Greeters: Justin, Brooke & Parker Fraychak  
Nursery caregiver coordinated by: Donna Blanchard

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

|                    |                                                   |                                                                                   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sun (11/17)</b> | <b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>5:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.       | <b>Worship</b><br>R.I.<br>NA                                                      |
| Mon (11/18)        | 10:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m.                           | Al-Anon<br>Zumba (Kelsey Hall)                                                    |
| Tues (11/19)       | 10:30 a.m.<br><b>7:00 p.m.</b><br>7:00 p.m.       | AA<br><b>Church Council Meeting (Library)</b><br>AA                               |
| Wed (11/20)        | 6:15 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>7:25 p.m.               | FLOW Yoga (Kelsey Hall)<br>NA<br>Chair Yoga (Kelsey Hall)                         |
| Thurs (11/21)      | <b>1:00 p.m.</b><br>7:00 p.m.<br><b>7:15 p.m.</b> | <b>Coffee Hours (Dunkin' Donuts)</b><br>NA<br><b>Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)</b> |
| Fri (11/22)        | 7:00 p.m.                                         | NA                                                                                |
| Sat (11/23)        | 9:00 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m.               | Meditation Group<br>CT Accordion Assoc. (Kelsey Hall)<br>NA                       |
| <b>Sun (11/24)</b> | <b>10:00 a.m.</b><br>6:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.       | <b>Worship</b><br>Center Stage Jazz Rehearsal (Kelsey Hall)<br>NA                 |

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

Carla Fensick, Peggy (Ellen Binder's friend), Robert (Herve Letendre's friend), Rick Scheyd, Pamela Calder, Abby Zakrzewski, Jen Zakrzewski's mother, Brian Gorneault, Billie Anderson (Robin Anderson's mother-in-law), Nicole Bard, Dion Bentley (Sandy Dombroski's friend), Wendy, Mia Ryan, Nicole (Beth Fraychak's friend), Chelsea (Joanna Vastola's friend), Kelsey, Patrick (Rinette Yanez's brother), Arlene (Ed Cassineri's cousin), Alan & Libby Therriault, Malcolm Soucy, Al Muller, Martha (Russ Drachenberg's cousin), Lily (Nicole Guglietta's niece), 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:*** Marcella Kelly (Cheryl Cone's aunt), Lorraine Woerz, Anna Mae Vaillant (Eleanor Kordes's sister), Richard Dube (Jocelyn Michaud's friend), Roberta Mason (Bonnie Soucy's sister-in-law), ***as 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.

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The Rev. Donna Cassity, Interim Minister

Jurg Oggenfuss, Organist

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2019 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Traditionally, members have had the opportunity to donate Poinsettias in honor or remembrance of someone special in our lives. The plants are then given to those members that need to be remembered by our Church during this season. The beautiful plants are purchased through Karabin Farms in Southington CT. They are delivered to the church and displayed in the sanctuary during the Christmas week services, with the names of the donors and those they are honoring or remembering listed in the bulletin. **There will be one line for each donated plant.** This floral ministry of the church is coordinated through the Women's Federation, Diaconate and the Minister.

This year, once again, we will also take orders for plants that may be wanted for personal use. You will be asked to pick the plants up at the church on the morning of Saturday, December 14th. These plants *will not* be noted in the bulletin.

The plants are \$10 each. Please use the order form below to indicate your contact information and how many donated plants and/or how many personal plants you wish to purchase. You may attach multiple forms together if needed. **The order deadline is Sunday, December 8th, 2019. No order will be accepted without payment.**

Checks (made out to Women's Federation) or Cash will be accepted. Orders and payment may be sent to the Church office.

Thank you for participating in this beautiful ministry.



2019 Poinsettia Order Form

Order Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019
Price: \$10.00 each (All orders require prepayment)

Name: _____

Phone: _____ email _____

- A. I would like to donate ____ (# of plants) in honor/memory of the following people. These plants are donated to the church for distribution to persons to be determined by the Minister and Diaconate. Please circle Honor or Memory in each notation. (This is a tax-deductible contribution)

In Loving Honor/Memory (circle one) of _____

- B. I would like to order ____ (# of plants) for personal use. I will pick up at church on Sat. morning, Dec 14th. These will not be noted in the bulletin. (\$3.65 of the cost of each plant is a tax-deductible contribution to the church.)

Total # plants (A+B) _____ x \$10 each = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Women's Federation
Send checks and completed forms: The Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC
130 West Main Street
Plainville, CT 06062

Office use:

Cash