

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF PLAINVILLE

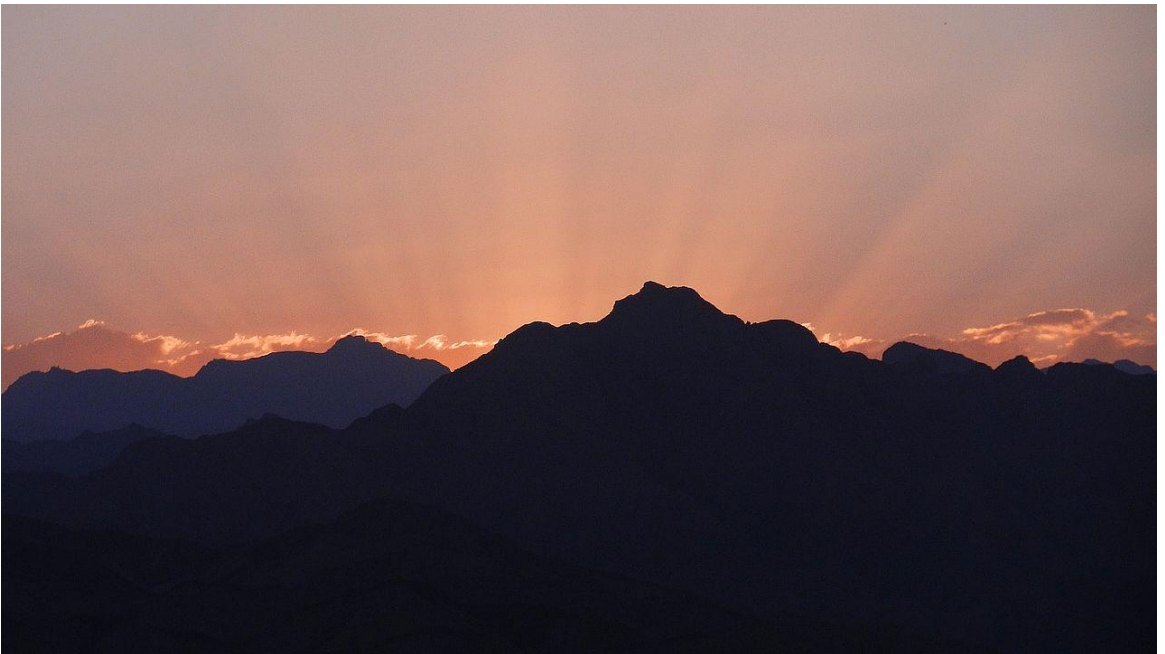
Founded in 1840

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

A “God is Still Speaking” Church

*The Congregational Church of Plainville serves the community
in the Spirit of Christ.*

All Welcomed. All Valued. All Loved.



**The Order of Morning Worship
Second Sunday After Christmas**

January 5, 2020

10A.M.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The good news of Jesus will light your path to give you a vision of God's good future.

* 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

In the beginning, there was the Word;

the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God.

The Word was present to God from the beginning. Through the Word all things came into being... .

In the Word was life, and that life was humanity's light- -

And the Word became flesh and stayed for a little while among us;

we saw the Word's glory

the favor and position a parent gives an only child

filled with grace, filled with truth.

Let us rejoice in the Word!

*OPENING HYMN

As With Gladness Those of Old

NCH #159

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*Please remain Standing*)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we close our eyes to the Light of the World struggling to shine light on the lives of all who are poor and oppressed:

Lord, have mercy.

When we close our ears to the Wisdom of God, struggling to be heard above hate-filled words and fear-filled rhetoric:

Christ, have mercy.

When we close our hearts to the Glory of God, which is known fully only in a world of peace where all creation thrives,

Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

In Christ, the Light, the Word, the Glory of God's love shines in our hearts, and we are forgiven and given strength to go forward into a new future. Let us give thanks that in Jesus, Emmanuel, God is truly with us. Let us celebrate this great grace by offering to one another a sign of Christ's peace.

*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.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

THE OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 60:1-6*

*CENTERING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

NCH #154

SERMON

Come, Look!

MUSICAL RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

*Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken
(the children come up from Sunday School)*

NCH #346

INVITATION

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Breaking of the Bread

The Pouring of the Cup

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Please take the bread when you receive it and hold the cup to share together.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence. We have been led, Eternal One, by your light. May we bask in this glow, now and forevermore. Amen.

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

Special Music

*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

With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

SCATTERED TO SERVE

Carrying Out the Light of Christ into the World

*CLOSING HYMN

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

NCH #307

BENEDICTION

Go forth to witness to the Light, to the Word, to the Glory of God dwelling in us; Go forth to live in grace and truth.

Amen.

*POSTLUDE

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun (1/5)	10:00 a.m.	Worship ~ Communion
	7:00 p.m.	NA
Mon (1/6)	10:00 a.m.	AI-Anon
	6:30 p.m.	Zumba (Kelsey Hall)
Tues (1/7)	10:30 a.m.	AA
	6:00 p.m.	PELC ~ Staff Training (Kelsey Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	AA
Wed (1/8)	7:00 p.m.	NA
Thurs (1/9)	1:00 p.m.	Coffee Hours (Dunkin' Donuts)
	6:00 p.m.	PELC ~ Staff Training (Kelsey Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Diaconate Committee Meeting (Library)
	7:00 p.m.	NA
	7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri (1/10)	7:00 p.m.	NA
Sat (1/11)	6:30 p.m.	NA
Sun (1/12)	10:00 a.m.	Worship ~ Baptism of Christ Sunday
	11:30 a.m.	MSAC Committee Meeting (Library)
	5:00 p.m.	R.I.
	7:00 p.m.	NA

The Rev. Donna Cassity, Interim Minister
Jurg Oggenfuss, Director of Music Ministries
Teresa Talarico, Church Administrator

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Thank You this morning to:

Deacon in charge: Donna Zapatka
Trustee in charge: Frank Hoxie
Greeters: Sandy Dombroski & Brian Gorneault
Ushers: Diana Drachenberg
Nursery caregiver coordinated by: Donna Blanchard

In our Prayers this week, we remember:

Charlotte Karabin, Jen Zakrzewski's mother & father, Patrick (Rinette Yanbez's brother), Karen Sibley (Beth Fraychak's sister-in-law), Marilyn Borry, George Peterson, Ann Campbell, David & Leslie Nuttall, Betty Greeley (Karen Hodge's mother), Joanna Vastola's students, Ryan Family, Rinette Yanez, Fritz (Deanna Hoxie's father), Richard Wright, Dave Kelly (Cheryl Cone's brother), Vic Butwich (Cone family friend), Kaara Koplowitz's school community, Sanket Patole (Marianne Wright's co-worker), Barb Little (Marianne Wright's friend), Missing Ansonia child, Roland (Suzy Rivera's grandson), Gary (Jason Zakrzewski's neighbor), Frank Hoxie, Sandy Dombroski, Sebby Berarducci, Pam Collins (Cheryl Cone's sister), Gail Boyea (Ruthe Boiczuk's sister-in-law), Lynn, Robin Anderson's sister, Peggy (Ellen Binder's friend), Robert (Herve Letendre's friend), Rick Scheyd, Charlene Archambault, John Borry, Cliff Carlson, Joan Dante, John Dombroski, Carla Fensick, Gordon McCann, Tommy McCormack, Leslie Urbanski, ***and the families and friends of:*** Scott Carpenter, Bill Snide (Bev Letendre's friend), Patricia Lee (Teresa Talarico's friend), Ricky Lanno (Teresa Talarico's cousin), Denise D'Ascenzo, Dave Harris (Claranne Parker's daughter-in-law's father), Judy Hesselback (Claranne Parker's cousin), Marcella Kelly (Cheryl Cone's aunt), Lorraine Woerz, ***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.