

# **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  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 26, 2020**

**10A.M.**

**GATHERED TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

*St. Anthony Chorale*

Haydn-Brahms

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CENTERING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ON GOD**

*Bringing in the Light of Christ*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship God with your whole heart. We come as mustard seeds of faith. Come and worship God with your whole being. We come as leaven for the world. Come and worship God with your whole mind. We come as treasures and pearls of great price, enriching the world with our witness. Come and worship God with your whole lives.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy One, you call us to find your kingdom already hidden in our world: in tiny, transforming possibilities; in beauty that calls us to surrender all; in complicated choices that call for wisdom. Reveal yourself here in this moment and heighten our senses that we may find you and join you in building this kingdom of love, and hope, and peace. In the name of the One who calls us to seek, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We pause this morning, O God, with heavy hearts. We live in the midst of great and abiding love, but also in the midst of deceit and lies. May we be found faithful in all we do. May we speak the truth in love and live lives of love each day. Too often we seek you in the spectacular and otherworldly. May we see the many inbreakings of your kingdom in the everyday, ordinary things of life: in mustard seeds, yeast, treasures in fields, and fish gathered in nets. May we be able to answer with a full-throated yes when asked if we have understood your teachings and your call. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Holy One, your word gives light and understanding to all; we open ourselves to you in prayer and find you already in our hearts, leading us in the way of justice, compassion, and peace; calling us to find you in our neighbors' need as well. We give thanks.

OPENING HYMN

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

NCH #505

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

THE GOSPEL READING     *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

SERMON

HYMN RESPONSE             *When Love Is Found*

NCH #362

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.***

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

INVITATION TO SHARE

Our God calls us to seek and find the hints of the Kingdom in our world, and to nurture its growth among us. We will use our gifts, tithes and offerings to rebuild the body of Christ.

*You are invited to share by mailing your pledges in or online. Please email the office if you need help with setting up an online account.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Grow these gifts in your love, bless our offerings, our hearts and our hopes in your love to make us worthy of your work for your Kingdom in heaven, and among us here, even now. Fill these gifts and each of us with your goodness. Amen.

## SCATTERED TO SERVE

*Carrying Out the Light of Christ into the World*

CLOSING HYMN             *May the Sending One Defend You*

NCH #79

BENEDICTION

Go forth in Wisdom, in hope, in courage with hearts open to recognize the signs of the reign of God in our midst, and courage to create more space for grace in our lives and our world.

POSTLUDE                    *Cornet Voluntary*

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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Sun (7/26) | 10:00 a.m. | Facebook live Worship             |
| Wed (7/29) | 7:00 p.m.  | Facebook live Church Prayer Night |
| Sun (8/2)  | 10:00 a.m. | Facebook live Worship             |

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

Ruthe Boiczuk, Rose Mirante (Lynette Susco's friend), Sarah Soucy, Cheryl Letendre (Herve & Bev Letendre's sister-in-law), Kristin (Russ & Diana Drachenberg's friend), Irene Boiczuk (Ruthe Boiczuk's mother-in-law), Wilma Pershken, Cohen/Miller Family (Kaara Koplowitz's friend), Charlene Archambault, John Borry, John Dombroski, Sandy Dombroski, Cliff Carlson, Charlotte Karabin, Gordon McCann, Tommy McCormack, Leslie Urbanski, **and the families and friends of:** Carol Johnson (Lynette Susco's friend), Ann Cox (Carl & Ellen Binder's daughter-in-law's mother), Joe Forte (Carl & Ellen Binder's friend), Susan Low Sena (Lynette Susco's friend), Joan Dante, Fritz Messerschmidt (Deanna Hoxie's father), Ron Collins, Vivian Drachenberg (Russ Drachenberg's aunt), Corey La Barrie, **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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### **Special Thanks this Week to: Joanna Vastola & Kaara Koplowitz**

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