

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
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 2, 2020

10A.M.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Christian faith is a "from small things big things come" faith and a way out of no way" faith.

GATHERED TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Divertimento #2

G. Volpe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ON GOD

Bringing in the Light of Christ

CALL TO WORSHIP

The day breaks and God does not let us go. The hour calls and God does not let us go. The evening falls and God holds us fast. Let us turn to God in worship. God, who never turns from us.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God is present to us, but we don't always feel it. God is good to us, but we can't always accept it. Fact is, there are things within and around us that attempt to step between us and our relationship to God's goodness. There are things that we think, things that we do, that act to separate us from God. The church calls that "sin." Let us confess our sins to God, in the presence of each other.

Silence

God of all mercy: I confess that sin grips me and I cannot break free. The sins in my mind, on my lips, in my acts done or even ignored stand between me and you. My entire heart is not always yours. My love of neighbor falls short. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on me. Grant me your renewing forgiveness. Lead me on your paths of righteousness, and I shall delight in you and I shall follow you giving glory to your holy name. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The God who gives, gives all. The God who loves, loves all. The God who forgives, forgives all. Through Christ, our sins, every one of them: the sins of commission, the sins of omission, the sins we confessed with contrition – all are forgiven. By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

NCH #4

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14: 13-21

SERMON

"A Way Out of No Way Faith"

PASTORAL PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

NCH #342

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Even as this bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered and became one, may Christ's church be gathered from the ends of the earth into God's kingdom. To God be the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

Just as juice or wine is the effect of a gathering of grapes strengthened and grown on a vine rooted deep, may we, rooted deeply in the Vine that is Christ, bear good fruit together. To God be the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

The Breaking of the Bread
The Pouring of the Cup

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Please take the bread and the cup when you are prompted by Rev Don or when you are ready.

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

When resources were short, did Christ worry? No! Christ saw the gifts, and Christ multiplied them! This is the miracle we witness every time we give to the church. God will take what we have, and God will do good things with it. You are invited to give, and even to participate in the miracle of God's multiplying acts.

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

God of increase and bounty, Source of all good things: we offer these gifts as a portion of that which you have given us. May these gifts be as loaves and fishes for those who find themselves in poverty or hunger. May this act of giving bring about change: change in our lives, change in the lives we touch, change in the systems that harm. Through Christ, who gave so much to save. Amen.

SCATTERED TO SERVE

Carrying Out the Light of Christ into the World

CLOSING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

NCH #436

BENEDICTION

May God's peace: carry, keep and hold you. May God's love: nourish, bless and enfold you. May God's spirit: inspire, lift and mold you. Almighty God: + Triune, holy and blessed be with you now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

W. Hine

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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.*  
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The Rev. Don Erickson, Senior Minister

Peter Peluso, Interim Organist

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WEEKLY FACEBOOK LIVE SCHEDULE

Sun (8/2)	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Wed (8/5)	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Meditation
Sun (8/9)	10:00 a.m.	Worship

In our Prayers this week, we remember:

Erin James & Family (Marianne Wright's friend), Ruthe Boiczuk, Rose Mirante (Lynette Susco's friend), Sarah Soucy, Cheryl Letendre (Herve & Bev Letendre's sister-in-law), Kristin (Russ & Diana Dranchenberg'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:** Irene Boiczuk (Ruthe Boiczuk's mother-in-law), 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, **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.