

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF PLAINVILLE

Founded in 1840

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

An Open & Affirming and “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
Reign of Christ**

November 21, 2021

10A.M.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE *Sacred Suite in Bb Major* Robin Dinda

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take this opportunity to silence your phones. Thank you.

OPENING HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* NCH #422

CALL TO WORSHIP

Drawn by God's presence. . .

. . .**we gather**

Inspired by God's spirit. . .

. . .**we worship**

Empowered by God's grace. . .

. . .**we live**

Opened by God's love. . .

. . .**we share**

SERVICE OF WELCOME AND RECEPTION

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Let us all unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus, the Christ?

I believe in Jesus, the Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Let us, the members of The Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus the Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witness of our risen Savior.

PRAYER OF SELF-INSIGHT (CONFESSION)

Fr. Philaret of Moscow

**Lord, I know not what to ask of You.
You alone know what my true needs are.
You love me more than I myself know how to love.
Help me to see my real needs, which may be hidden from me.
I dare not ask for either a cross or a consolation.
I can only wait upon You; my heart is open to You.
Visit and help me in Your steadfast love.
Strike me and heal me; cast me down and raise me up.
I worship in silence Your holy will.
I offer myself to You as a living sacrifice.
I put all my trust in You.
I have no other desire than to fulfill Your will.
Teach me to pray. Pray Yourself in me. Amen. *(followed by silence)***

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God's promises are everlasting, ordered and secure. God loves us and frees us.
Accept God's forgiveness, for we are forgiven.
**Dawn on us, Spirit of Truth, like the light of the morning, like a lamp
to light our way. Amen.**

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.**

ANTHEM

Above All

Paul Baloche/Lenny LeBlanc

MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN

Kaara Koplowitz

TEACHING THE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* the children depart to their classrooms to "traveling music" of:
Jesus Loves the Little Children
(using "Native, Asian" instead of "Red and Yellow")

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	NCH #1
OLD TESTAMENT	<i>2 Samuel 23:1-7</i>	
PSALM	<i>Psalms 132:1-12</i>	
GOSPEL	<i>John 18:33-37</i>	
SERMON	“Sovereign Nonviolence”	
PASTORAL PRAYER		
PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>Amen</i>	Hal Hopson

RESPONDING TO GOD’S LOVE

CLOSING HYMN	<i>Lead On Eternal Sovereign</i>	NCH #573
INVITATION TO SHARE		
DOXOLOGY		NCH #780
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all Creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>		

BENEDICTION

God calls us into the world to embody a realm that is not of this world. Go forth now in the name of the one who is, and was, and is to come. May God’s grace and peace be with you. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE	<i>Toccata</i>	Alfred Fedak
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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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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Worship Service</b><br><i>~In-person Worship will be live-streamed via Facebook~</i> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Theology Book Club</b>                                                               |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>7:15 p.m.</b>  | <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>                                                                  |

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In our Prayers this week, we remember:

Michael Letendre, Jordan & family (Curtis Johnson's teammate), Cindy Potter, Cassy, Henry Mazurek, Ray Bellamy, Joan (Ed Boiczuk's cousin), Gabriel Smykla, Martha (Russ Drachenberg's cousin), Annalise (Jackie Harris-Stone's friend's daughter), Jason Guglietta, Paul Hawes (Sue Piercy's brother), Brian Gorneault (Sandy Dombrowski's son), Amanda, Students & Educators, Healthcare Workers, Essential Workers, Charlene Archambault, Marilyn Borry, Cliff Carlson, John Dombroski, Sandy Dombroski, Charlotte Karabin, Tommy McCormack, Bobbi & Norm Turcottte, Leslie Urbanski

The families and friends of: Byron Treado (Bonnie Mazurek's friend), Bruce Bull, Chuck Hoover (Mariann Wright's friend), Nancy Merrow

Members and friends serving in the military: Renny Astolfi Sr., Thomas Heslin, Beth Smith, Mark Joseloff, Adam Smith, Spencer Pelletier, James Palmer, Mark Terrill, Ryan Steikers, Shawn Ellis

For peace, wisdom, and compassion in our communities, state, nation, and world and in the leaders therein.

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### **The Rev. Don Erickson, Senior Minister**

Jackie Harris-Stone, Director of Music Ministries

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## 2021 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We are please to announce that we will once again be offering Christmas Poinsettias! Participants will have the opportunity to donate Poinsettias in honor or remembrance of someone special in our lives. The plants will then be 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 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 Saturday, December 18th. 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 12th, 2021. No order will be accepted without payment.**

Checks (made out to C.C.P.) or Cash will be accepted. Orders and payment may be sent to the Church office. This floral ministry of the church is coordinated through the Diaconate, the Minister, and the Church Office.

Thank you for participating in this beautiful ministry.

### 2021 Poinsettia Order Form

**Order Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Saturday, Dec 18th. These will not be noted in the bulletin. (\$2.25 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:

The Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC

Send checks and completed forms:

The Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC

130 West Main Street

Plainville, CT 06062

Office use:

Cash

Check # \_\_\_\_\_