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.
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP
Children are precious to God. The child Samuel grew in God’s favor and the child Jesus grew likewise.
Older adults and elders are precious to God. Young and old together praise God’s name.
Creation is precious to God: cedars, mountains, snow & frost, shining stars.
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

TIME OF SELF-INSIGHT (CONFESSION)
O God, clothe us anew, for we confess we do not clothe our spirits as you require. The compassion we clothe ourselves with is conditional. The love we clothe ourselves with is limited. Forgiveness and gratitude: these are the garments we need to live in community, yet we rend them and fail to fit them, over and over again. Weave us new garments which do not need mending, clothes that protect us like suits or armor and that we can delight in like cozy sweaters. May we outwardly show what we inwardly know: Your love has no bounds.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE
The Word of Christ indeed dwells within you richly and shines through you brightly. It dwells and shines also in your neighbor, near and far. We need only let our lights mingle to know first-hand the connective power of Incarnate Love.
Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC
God’s Eye is on the Sparrow
Civilla D. Martin,
Arr. Jackie Harris-Stone
HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PSALM
Psalm 148

GOSPEL
Luke 2:41-52

SERMON
“Renewal”

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONDING TO GOD’S LOVE

INVITATION TO SHARE

BENEDICTION
Go forth and whatever you do, do it according to the heart of Jesus, our Sovereign. Teach children, and let children teach you, cultivate wisdom and gratitude, and mend the earth in the name of the Triune God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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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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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday 10:00 a.m.  Worship Service
~In-person Worship will be live-streamed via Facebook~

Thursday  7:15 p.m.  Choir Rehearsal

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In our Prayers this week, we remember:
Cliff Carlson, Martha (Russ Drachenberg’s cousin), Gayle (Cheryl Cone’s friend), Fran Rose, Suzanne Colley, Jay Piercy (Sue Piercy’s son), Dave, Michael Letendre, Jordan & family (Curtis Johnson’s teammate), Cindy Potter, Henry Mazurek, Ray Bellamy, Students & Educators, Healthcare Workers, Essential Workers, Charlene Archambault, Marilyn Borry, Cliff Carlson, John Dombroski, Sandy Dombroski, Charlotte Karabin, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi & Norm Turcottte, Leslie Urbanski

The families and friends of: Betty Drumheller (Dave Ryan’s aunt), The Oxford High shooting victims, Joan Litteral (Ed Boiczyk’s cousin), Byron Treado (Bonnie Mazurek’s friend), Bruce Bull

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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