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## The Weekly Steeple

~ May 18, 2022 ~

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### *From the Pastor's Pen*

PASTOR'S REPORT  
May 17, 2022

It seems we are at a pivotal point when it comes to the church property. We are dealing with a combination of things that I think can really affect things, namely our budget. First of all, our building. It needs a high level of TLC, more than our small number of volunteers can handle. First are the structural issues. Most pressing, the steeple needs repair. But an assessment of the whole structure was deemed necessary by a couple of architect companies that have bid on the project. Steve Vastola is working with the slow-moving National Historic Registry, which provided \$20,000 for an assessment of not only the steeple but the whole sanctuary structure. We are waiting on the Historic Registry's final approval.

In addition to the structural concerns, there are cosmetic needs. We need plastering and wall work inside the sanctuary, made worse by the leak in the steeple. We'll also need to get exterior painting.

These are significant projects needing consistent oversight. The Council confirmed the idea of a Trustees' subcommittee to provide this oversight. That is in the works. Sadly, it doesn't stop there. There are almost weekly maintenance and groundskeeping demands. Jason Zakrzewski along with the Trustees valiantly do this work. For Jason, it is akin to a second job, and it could be a full-time one if he let it become that. He already has a demanding full-time job.

All of this is to say, the Trustees will be discussing the subcontracting of a second sexton to focus on church building maintenance and project management. The Trustees will be discussing this too in their next meeting.

Of course, these issues involve the budget. Funding for a second sexton will need to be voted on. But I think the need for a maintenance person/ second sexton is at this point a grave necessity. Relying on volunteers alone when that base is increasingly shrinking will no longer get it done.

Other than this, my work continues. There's Confirmation Sunday coming up with 3 confirmands being honored. That is great news.

We are scheduling a time for Laura Meehan and Colleen McGarry (Nolan and Sofia's parents) to meet with the deacons as a final step to membership. That's also great news!

Last but not least, inspired by this past Sunday's reflection (**to hear that reflection, click here**), this Sunday I will be introducing a revamped – slightly, depending on your perspective – Order of Service. I want to concentrate on the 3 things I mentioned in Sunday's Reflection – mindfulness & peace, love & justice, and wisdom & truth.

I thought about waiting until the Summer to try something new like this, but with last Sunday's reflection fresh in our memory, why not start now? I could not come up with a good answer to that.

So you don't have to wait, this week's Weekly Steeple includes the rough draft of Sunday's Order of Service. (By the way, organ accompaniment returns for the Gloria Patri and Doxology. )

To close, here is **a playlist of the hymn tunes we will sing (click here)**.

The Order of Morning Worship Sixth Sunday of Easter			of all people, individually and collectively; to realize Christian community and unity within this Church and the Church Universal; to render loving service to the whole of creation; to educate seekers, through Scripture and witness; and to strive for righteousness, justice and peace, as set forth in the life, teachings, death and living presence of Jesus. Amen.
May 22, 2022		10 A.M.	
WELCOMING THE INWARD LIGHT OF CHRIST			
PRELUDE			
ANNOUNCEMENTS <i>Please take this opportunity to silence your phones. Thank you.</i>			
MINDFULNESS & PEACE			
SABBATH POEM			
HYMN	<i>Alleluia (Rest in God's Peace/Let God's Love In)</i>	J.Sinclair	
MINDFUL QUIET (3 minutes)			
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.			
PASSING THE PEACE / BOW OF PEACE			
SPECIAL MUSIC			
LOVE & JUSTICE			
* HYMN	<i>Immortal Love, Forever Full</i>	insert	
* OUR OPEN & AFFIRMING WAY (in unison) Looking into the eyes of our fellow human beings, we see in each one a uniquely created child of God. We welcome and celebrate all the different gifts each one brings to our community of faith. We recognize and affirm the many ways in which we differ from one another - age, race, cultural background, economic status, family structure, religious tradition, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical, intellectual, and developmental differences. Our desire is to welcome and affirm all those who come together to live out the vision God has for us, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit at work in our midst; to create a community of faith; to share in the worship of God and in making God's will dominant in the lives			
* please stand in body and/or spirit			
MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN			
JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS			
PASTORAL PRAYER			
WISDOM & TRUTH			
GOD-TALK FOR YOUNG ONES <i>(we will silently pray the kids out)</i>			
PSALM READING <i>Psalm 67</i>			
GLORIA PATRI (alternate) <i>Glory be to Divine Love, To the Loving One, and to the Breath of Love. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.</i>			
* GOSPEL READING <i>John 14:23-29</i>			
REFLECTION			
* HYMN <i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>			
NCH #1			
RESPONDING TO THE EXPANSIVE LOVE OF GOD			
* INVITATION TO SHARE & PRAYER OF GRATITUDE			
* 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>			
* CLOSING WORDS			
* CHORAL BENEDICTION <i>God Be With You</i>			
Dorsey and Hutchins			
POSTLUDE			

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Our Strengthen the Church offering will be collected on **June 5th**.  
Contributions can be made online at any time **here**.

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### **Chair Yoga**

We are pleased to be offering an upcoming 4 week Chair Yoga session on Mondays beginning June 6th 4 to June 27th from 6:15 to 7:15 PM. Sign up and payment required to hold spot.

Interested.. Questions? Contact  
Bonnie Soucy at  
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***Schedule of Events at C.C.P.***

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## Every Week at C.C.P.

### Sunday

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

*~ In-person worship will be Live-Streamed via Facebook ~*

### Wednesday

**7:00 p.m. Theology Book Club ~ Gospel Song Study**

### Thursday

**7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal**

## *In Our Community*

### **Plainville Community Food Pantry**

The Plainville Community Food Pantry has served the town of Plainville for decades, providing not only food assistance, but also clothing, heating assistance through the Fuel Bank, and referrals to crisis intervention services. It has been a lifeline for many. The pandemic has strained its resources, and strained its staff as well, as the work of volunteers had to be curtailed.



We can all help. Consider writing a check. Add the Food Pantry to your weekly shopping list...it will quickly become a habit.

The Food Pantry basket is in the Narthex ready to accept donations of food and other non-perishable items.

If you would prefer to make a financial contribution please send a check to The Plainville Community Food Pantry at 54 South Canal Street, Plainville, CT 06062.

If you have any questions for the food pantry or are in need of help please contact them at (860) 747-1919.

Thank you.



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