



**The Congregational  
Church of Plainville**  
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.*



The Order of Morning Worship  
Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 29, 2023

10A.M.

*We offer a warm welcome to all who have come here today. May you receive God's comfort, insight and inspiration through worship, prayer and song.*

\* please stand in body and/or spirit

PRELUDE

*How Great Thou Art*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE READING

Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

**Those who do justice. Those who confront inequities and uplift the oppressed.**

Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

**Those who love kindness. Those who love neighbor, friend and foe.**

Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

**Those who walk humbly with you. Those who follow your lead and answer your call.**

\*HYMN

*Be Now My Vision*

NCH #451

UNISON READING

**What is this awesome mystery that is taking place within me? I can find no words to express it; my poor hand is unable to capture it in describing the praise and glory that belong to the One who is above all praise, and who transcends every word... My intellect sees what has happened, but it cannot explain it. It can see, and wishes to explain, but can find no word that will suffice; for what it sees is invisible and entirely formless, simple, completely uncompounded and pure, unbounded and free in its awesome greatness. What I have seen is the totality recapitulated as one, received not in essence but by participation. Just as if you lit a flame from a flame, it is the whole flame you receive.**

- Symeon the New Theologian (Fr. John McGuckin,  
*The Book of Mystical Chapters* (pp. 159-160)

SELAH

THE 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	<i>O Shelter Me</i>	Michael Joncas*
MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN		Lynnette Astolfi
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	* the children depart to their classroom to "traveling music" of: <i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i>	
*HYMN	<i>O Love that Will Not Let Me Go</i>	NCH #485
PSALM IN SONG	<i>Psalm 15</i>	
SCRIPTURE READINGS	<i>Micah 6:1-8</i> <i>I Corinthians 1:19-31</i> <i>Matthew 5:1-12</i>	
REFLECTION	"Wise Evangelism"	
*HYMN	<i>O For a World</i>	NCH #575
JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>Fourfold Amen</i>	Roland Carter
INVITATION TO GIVE		
PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (in unison)	Just God, we share our humble offering in hope and trust that, through these gifts, your kindom comes and your will is done. Amen.	
*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	<i>Here I am, Lord</i>	Dan Schutte
*CLOSING WORDS		
POSTLUDE	<i>Amen!</i>	Traditional, CCP Praise Band

*\*O Shelter Me was written by Michael Joncas (composer of Eagles Wings) for churches to use, free, at the start of the 2020 Pandemic.*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service <i>-In-person Worship will be live-streamed via Facebook-</i>
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Coffee Fellowship at Panera, Bristol Midweek Gathering
Thursday	10:00 a.m. 7:15 p.m.	Coffee w. Rev. Don at Rebel Dog, Plainville Choir Rehearsal

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**Today's Deacon in Charge:**

Marilyn Ronewicz  
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***In our Prayers this week, we remember:***

Sue Piercy, Marilyn Borry, Joanne (Frank Hoxie's friend), Peggy (Dabve Ryan's friend), Billy Perrotti ( Bonnie Mazurek's friend), Rob (Rose Eaton's friend), Norma Stewart (Beth Fraychak's friend), Delaney Muccino (Bonnie Mazurek's niece), Rusty Cone ( Rex Cone's brother), Jane (Cheryl Cone's friend), Tommy McCormack (Bev Letendre's cousin), Clarence Robinson (Beth Fraychak's cousin), Michelle Pritchard (Bonnie Mazurek's friend), Cheryl Lambert (Bonnie Mazurek's friend), Hannah Goldson (Mary Fuller's niece), Nancy (Marilyn Ronewicz's friend), Debby (Dave Ryan's friend), Students & Educators, Healthcare Workers, Essential Workers, Sandy Dombroski, Charlotte Karabin, Fran Rose, Claranne Parker, Ruth Seeds, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi & Norm Turcotte

**The families and friends of:** Susan DiMartinez, Abigail Harris (First Church of Simsbury), George Savage, Linda Hill, Charlene Archambault, Jack Adams (Beth Fraychak's friend), Jesse Brown (Rose & Frank's friend), Valerie Barrows (Ed Boiczuk's cousin)

**Members and friends serving in the military:** Jason Guglietta, 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Fellowship Luncheon

Are you new or relatively new to the community? Maybe you've been attending regularly. Maybe you've recently become a member. Maybe you've attended online but haven't met anyone personally yet. Maybe you're looking to become a more active part of the community. Maybe you've been away for a while and recently returned to C.C.P. Then this luncheon is for you!

Join us on **February 5<sup>th</sup>** after service for a Fellowship Luncheon in the Parlor. Please RSVP to the office by **January 29<sup>th</sup>** if you would like to join us. Thank you.

### SOUPer Bowl Food Drive and Appetizer & Bake Sale Help Us Score A Touchdown For The BLESSING BOX & CONFIRMATION Retreat!

Please bring a can of soup or other non-perishable food to the church on **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** to benefit the **Blessing Box**.

Don't forget to bring a few bucks for our **SOUPER Bowl Appetizer & Bake sale!**

All proceeds from the sale will go to the **Confirmation Retreat** in March.

Show your support and wear your team colors to church on **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>!!!!**

### The Art House at Coffee Hour

*Join us for a fun new program at C.C.P.!*

Starting soon, on the 3rd Sunday of the month, we will invite a local artist to showcase & sell their work during Coffee Hour with a portion of the proceeds going to C.C.P.

Each month will feature a different artist from the local community beginning with one of our own members, Sheri Ryan. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks...watch this space!

If you or someone you know would like to be showcased at one of our Art House events, please let the Church Office know.



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## CALL TO THE ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH MEETING JANUARY 29, 2023

The Members of the Congregational Church of Plainville, United Church of Christ, are hereby notified that the Annual All-Church Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary for the following purposes:

1. To review and approve the Annual Reports of the Church Officers and Committee Chairpersons, and delegates;
2. To consider and approve the Proposed 2023 Annual Budget, as prepared by the Finance Committee and recommended by the Church Council as the Mission Plan for the Church;
3. To consider and approve the disposition of surplus or deficit funds for 2022, as recommended by the Finance Committee and reviewed by the Church Council;
4. To consider and approve the piloting of the proposed Re-Design Plan, as recommended by the Re-Design Team and reviewed by the Church Council; and
5. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Digital copies of the Annual Report will be provided via email. If you prefer a paper copy of the Annual Report, please contact the Church Office to make arrangements.

If church is cancelled that day due to inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed to February 5, 2023 if possible. Childcare will be provided.

By order of the Church Council,  
Rev. Don Erickson, Sr. Minister