



The Congregational Church of Plainville UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*All Welcomed. All Valued. All Loved.
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
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 26, 2025

10 A.M.

May you receive God's comfort, insight & inspiration through worship, prayer & song.

** please stand in body and/or spirit*

PRELUDE

O Sons and Daughters

H. Livingston

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

There's a Spirit in the Air (v.1-5)

NCH #294

SELAH

(a moment of pause & preparation)

OPENING PRAYER

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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end, Amen, Amen.*

ANTHEM

All Good Gifts

S. Schwartz

MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN

Ruthe Boiczynk

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

the children depart to their classroom

JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

It is Well (with My Soul)

NCH #438

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14

PASTORAL MEDITATION

"Every Grain of Sand" (B. Dylan; L. Wright)

In the time of my confession, in the hour of my deepest need
When the pool of tears beneath my feet floods every newborn seed
There's a dying voice within me reaching out somewhere
Toiling in the danger and the morals of despair

Don't have the inclination to look back on any mistake
Like Cain, I now behold this chain of events that I must break
In the fury of the moment I can see the master's hand
In every leaf that trembles, in every grain of sand

Oh, the flowers of indulgence and the weeds of yesteryear
Like criminals, they have choked the breath of conscience and good cheer
The sun beams down upon the steps of time to light the way
To ease the pain of idleness and the memory of decay

I gaze into the doorway of temptation's angry flame
And every time I pass that way I'll always hear my name
Then onward in my journey I come to understand
That every hair is numbered like every grain of sand

I have gone from rags to riches in the sorrow of the night
In the violence of a summer's dream, in the chill of a wintry light
In the bitter dance of loneliness fading into space
In the broken mirror of innocence on each forgotten face

I hear the ancient footsteps like the motion of the sea
Sometimes I turn, there's someone there, other times it's only me
I am hanging in the balance of the reality of man
Like every sparrow falling, like every grain of sand

*HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

NCH #596

*INVITATION TO GIVE

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (in unison)

Humble and merciful God, you do not require perfection, only a heart that is open. Receive these gifts, not as a sign of our righteousness, but as a humble offering from those who know they need your grace. Teach us again that generosity begins not in pride, but in gratitude—not in proving our worth, but in trusting yours. May what we give today grow into mercy, justice, and joy in the lives of others and in our own. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

*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.*

*CLOSING WORDS

POSTLUDE

Galliard

W. Byrd

Join Us for Beloved Community & Coffee in Kelsey Hall after Worship

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship at Panera, Bristol
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

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Today's GCT Member in Charge:

Donna Zapatka  
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In our Prayers this week, we remember: The Westkott Family, Tonette (Teresa Talarico's friend), Angela & Vick (Cheryl Cone's friends), Nancy (Jocelyn Michaud's friend), Jenny (Robn Anderson's friend), Victims of Mass Shootings & TN Ammunitions Explosion, Noah (Ruthe Boiczuk's grandson), Kristie (Jon Pendleton's daughter), Rachel Haseltine, Lily Hirx, Tom Chester, Diana Drachenberg, Richard Carsey, Craig (Bev Letendre's friend's husband), Pat (Marilyn Ronewicz's sister), Todd Turcotte (Bobbie Turcotte's son), Ralph (Todd Turcotte's stepfather), Nikki, (Rex Cone's cousin), First Responders, John Borry, Jr., Marilyn Borry, Sharon Erickson (Rev. Don's mother), Melissa Mazurek, Barbara McClellan, Jocelyn Michaud, Stormi Morrison (Donna Zapatka's cousin), Claranne Parker, Sue Piercy, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi Turcotte, Linda Valeri

The families and friends of: Claranne B. Parker, Rev. Karl Deutzman, Diane Keaton, Gary Robinson (Beth Fraychak's cousin), Beth Gibson, Cindy Ovanesian (Friend of the Boiczuk's), Mert Coulombe-Kemzura, Gayle Adams, Phyllis Rustico

Members and friends serving in the military: Sabrina Sedor, Noah Westkott, Jason Guglietta, Bryant J. Cruz, Aiden, Jady, Isaiah, Rayne, 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**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING BOX & FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The holidays are almost upon us, and food insecurity is higher than ever. Over the next month we will be collecting donations for our ***Blessing Box*** and the ***Food Pantry*** on Sunday mornings and at the Snowflake Fair. As you do your weekly shopping, please prayerfully consider adding a few extra items for our collection. Keep an eye out for your favorite stores' BOGO, can-can and holiday savings specials. Donations for the Blessing Box can be placed in the box at the back entrance; Food Pantry items can go in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission.

### FAREWELL SERVICE FOR REV. DON

Join us Sunday **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 10:00am as we hold a ***Service of Release for Rev. Don*** followed by a catered luncheon in Kelsey Hall.

We look forward to having you join us in celebration.

### C.C.P. PRESENTS...FAMILY PAINT NIGHT WITH CREATIVE JAM ART CO!

Join us **November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8pm** for a unique and creative experience with ***Creative Jam Art Co!*** In this workshop, you'll learn a contemporary form of ancient water marbling and apply it to a small ceramic star. Using colorful acrylics and a special technique, you'll create a one-of-a-kind design that's all yours. Come join us for a splashing good time!

***\$15 per painter, FREE for kids under 6*** \*All materials provided \* Open to ALL skill levels and ages\*

Please RSVP to the Church Office for this event by ***November 11<sup>th</sup>***.  
Call, email or sign-up on the sheets in Kelsey Hall.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *The Snowflake Fair is Almost Here!*

#### ➤ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Snowflake Fair is on **November 8<sup>th</sup>**! We are looking for volunteers to help **Move Furniture** on Thursday Evening (11/6; 5-7 p.m.), **Clean-up** (11/8 at 2pm) and to **Work Our Tables** from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you can help, please use the sign-up sheets on the Volunteer Board in Kelsey Hall to sign-up or contact the Church Office. If you would like to **Donate Crafts** to sell at the C.C.P. booth, please contact the Church Office.

#### ➤ BAKED GOODS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to bake delicious cookies, brownies, bars, breads, cakes, pies, and any other yummy treats you'd like to bring! We'd like to have a variety of baked goods including gluten free, nut free and sugar free options. Don't want to bake, contact one of our local bakeries/grocery stores for a donation. We will highlight their donation with a special display. We'd love to have full tables of baked goods! For more information or to sign-up contact either Lynnette Astolfi or the Church Office; or use the sign-up sheets on the Volunteer Board in Kelsey Hall.

#### ➤ DONATE GOODS OR SERVICES FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION

As we prepare for our upcoming event, we'd like to reach out for support for our Silent Auction. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise funds while showcasing the talents and contributions of our Congregation.

**Why Donate?** Your donations will not only help us achieve our fundraising goals but also foster a sense of community and collaboration within our congregation. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference!

**What Can You Donate?** Here are some ideas to consider:

- **Items:** Gift baskets, handmade crafts, art pieces, or specialty food items.
- **Services:** Offer your skills, such as tutoring, gardening, or coaching sessions.
- **Experiences:** Consider donating tickets to events, gift certificates to local restaurants, or unique experiences.

**How to Get Involved:** If you have an item or service you'd like to contribute, please email [nguglietta@mirion.com](mailto:nguglietta@mirion.com) or call/text #860-518-5491. If you need help brainstorming ideas or organizing your contribution, feel free to reach out! **\*\*All donations must be submitted by Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>\*\*** Thank you for considering donating. Together, we can make this auction a success!