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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
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**

October 27, 2024

10 A.M.

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

* please stand in body and/or spirit

PRELUDE *Prelude in C* J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN *Cares Chorus* see insert

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.***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

the children depart to their classroom

ANTHEM *Shine Jesus Shine* G. Kendrick

MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN Holly Glenzer Erickson

JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN *My Life Flows on In Endless Song* NCH #476

SCRIPTURE READINGS Hebrews 7:23-28
 Mark 10:46-52

PASTOR'S MEDITATION Sacrifice Ended, Sight Restored

*HYMN *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* NCH #42

*INVITATION TO GIVE

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (in unison)
 **Loving God, bless us with increased generosity, trust, and faithfulness.
 Receive these gifts as an offering of praise. May needs be met, lives be
 changed, and hearts be warmed through our giving. 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 PRAYER

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C* J. S. Bach

Please Join Us for Coffee Hour in Kelsey Hall after Worship

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		<i>-In-person Worship will be live-streamed via Facebook-</i>
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship at Panera, Bristol
	7:00 p.m.	God Talk @ C.C.P.
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

Today's GCT Member in Charge:

Diana Drachenberg

In our Prayers this week, we remember: Rev. Don Erickson, Steve Cote, David (Linda Valeri's friend's brother), Karen & Jack (Bev Letendre's friends), Harrison, Robert & Taryn (Holly Erickson's friend Rozz's family & friend), Tom (Holly Erickson's brother-in-law), Ray Bellamy, Marilyn Ronewicz's sister-in-law, The Ryan Family, Melissa Mazurek, Jean & John, Robin Anderson, The Zakrzewski Family, Eileen (Abby Zakrzewski's godmother), Susie (Julie Zaleski's friend), Ronnie Planz (Beth Fraychek's brother-in-law), John DiCastro (Bill Calder's friend), Stormi Morrison (Donna Zapatka's cousin), Sharon Erickson (Rev. Don's mother), Elizabeth Farnum (Teresa Talarico's mother), Joie-Marie Mazurek, Marilyn Borry, Barbara McClellan, Claranne Parker, Sue Piercy, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi Turcotte

The families and friends of: Richard Greeley (Karen Hodge's father), Hershey, Hans David Shmigelsky (Teresa Talarico's cousin), Rosemary McNally, Linda (Jocelyn Michaud's friend)

Members and friends serving in the military: 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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C.C.P. presents... NBSO's STEEL DRUM ENSEMBLE

Come feel the Sounds of the Islands as we host the *New Britain Symphony Orchestra's Steel Drum Ensemble* on **October 27, 2024 at 3 p.m.** Our **FREE** concert will make you want to get up and dance with a wide variety of songs from the Caribbean & beyond. The ensemble for this performance consists of professional percussionists Allison Littlejohn, Christopher Swist and David Daddario. Refreshments will be served. A free will offering will be received to benefit the Save Our Steeple Fund.

FRIENDSHIP CENTER SOCK COLLECTION

The collection of socks for the outreach workers at the *Friendship Service Center* in New Britain will begin on **November 3rd** and continue through the month. There will be a blue bin in the narthex to place your donations. For the past three years we have exceeded 200 pairs of socks for the homeless. We are small but mighty. Let's try to do this again this year.

-Your Community Care, Mission Outreach Team.

SNOWFLAKE FAIR

The Snowflake Fair is right around the corner!

➤ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Snowflake Fair is on **November 9th** and we are looking for volunteers to help **Move Furniture** on Thursday Afternoon/Evening (11/7; 5-7 p.m.), **Clean-up** (11/9 at 3pm) and to **Work Our Tables** from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If you can help, please use the sheets on the Welcome Table in the Narthex 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 Welcome Table in the Narthex.

➤ DONATE GOODS OR SERVICES FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION

As we prepare for our upcoming event, I'd like to reach out to gather ideas and 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 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 3rd****

Thank you for considering donating. Together, we can make this auction a success!

The Snowflake Fair



Sat. November 9th | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Looking for Unique Holiday Gifts? ...a Fun Activity for the Kids? ...a Delicious Fall Lunch?

Featuring a variety of Crafters & Vendors, Baked Goods, Silent Auction, Children's Mini-Games, Door Prizes and more, we have just what you need for the Holidays & Beyond! Free Admission!

New! FREE Selfies with Santa 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Lunch served 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.