



**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
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

10A.M.

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

* please stand in body and/or spirit

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* Jason Tonioli

INTROIT *Jesus is Lord of All* Voices of Praise

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP COVENANT

O God, we covenant to worship you with our whole being this morning. We give to you our vulnerabilities and humanness, and pray you will encompass us with the light of your Grace. We look to your perfect compassion which we pray will fill us in turn, O God, as we worship you in word, in song, and in truth. Amen.

*HYMN *Change My Heart O God* CH #654

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, you have been our God from generation to generation. Before the universe exploded and the earth was without form, you have been with us.

Creator, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

We enter your presence to worship and praise your holy name.

Mighty One, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Teach us to count the days with joy and appreciation for all your marvelous works and steadfast love.

Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

SELAH *(a moment of silence to settle ourselves with and our hearts in God)*

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 to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Comforter.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end, Amen, Amen.***

ANTHEM *What Sweeter Music* Vaughan Williams

MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN Ruthe Boiczuk
Blessing of the Socks for The Friendship Center

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

* the children depart to their classroom to "traveling music" of:

*Go now in peace, go now in peace
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go*

*HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* NCH #28

PSALM *Psalms 123*

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 25:14-30*

REFLECTION "Faith-filled or Pretender?"

JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN *We Gather Together* NCH #421

INVITATION TO GIVE **Blessing of the Stewardship Cards**

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (in unison)

Generous God, we bring the gifts of ourselves and our abundance. Magnify and multiply these offerings to meet the needs before us. Continue to cultivate the spirit of generosity among us and make us good stewards as we allocate the use of these gifts in your name. 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 *Toccata* Pachelbel

Please join us in welcoming to the Pulpit
Rev. Suzy Rivera

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.	Coffee Fellowship at Panera, Bristol
	7:00 p.m.	God-Talk @ C.C.P.
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee w. Rev. Don at Rebel Dog, Plainville

Today's GCT Member in Charge:

Marilyn Ronewicz

In our Prayers this week, we remember:

Carol (Ed Cassinari's sister), Ellen (Rose Eaton's friend Mark's mother), Wayne Scott (Beth Fraychak's brother-in-law), Bill & Bud Hawes (Sue Piercy's brother & nephew), Lewiston Maine Community, Sarah & Family (Kaara Koplowitz's friends), Linda (Frank Eaton's aunt), Dawn Clarke & Briana Cruz, Windsor H.S. Community, Steve Guglietta, Michael Letendre, Victor(Pops) (Marilyn Ronewicz's neighbor's father), Tommy McCormack (Bev Letendre's cousin), Mark & Family (Sue Piercy's friend), Students & Educators, Healthcare Workers, Essential Workers, Marilyn Borry, Sandy Dombroski, Charlotte Karabin, Barbara McClellan, Claranne Parker, Sue Piercy, Ruth Seeds, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi & Norm Turcotte

The families and friends of: Ralph Buono, Fran Rose, Susan Czako (Teresa Talarico's friend's mom), Carol Renzulli, Dr. Karen Hook, Rusty Camp, Tyler Corriveau, Doug (Rose Eaton's friend)

Members and friends serving in the military: 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.

The Rev. Don Erickson, Senior Minister

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FAMILY PAINT NIGHT

Join Us for *Family Paint Night* to paint your own **Holiday Gnome** on **December 2nd** from **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** The costs is \$10 for adults, *FREE* for kids (*includes supplies*). These adorable Gnomes will make for great Christmas decorations or as a personalized gift for the Holidays!! Cookies & Hot Cocoa will be served. ***4 spots available, please contact the church office if you want to join us!***

THE ARTHOUSE AT COFFEE HOUR

On December 3rd we will be hosting Christine Pestillo, a local children's author who recently self-published a 32-page Christmas storybook for kids ages 3-8. Please help us welcome Christine during coffee hour.

RE-MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Please join us for a "Re-Membership Class" which will begin **Sunday, Dec. 10th**, after Sunday Service, and continue once a month on each 2nd Sunday through March (4 classes in total). The class will serve as either a membership class for those wanting to become new members during Lent 2024 or a refresher for those who were confirmed/became church members years ago. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

C.C.P. PRESENTS... A HOLIDAY CONCERT WITH CHORUS ANGELICUS

Chorus Angelicus is comprised of four choral ensembles, involving more than seventy children who hail from towns throughout southwestern New England. This holiday concert will feature the youngest students of Chorus Angelicus, *The Angels in Training*. Come join us for this festive event on **December 17th at 3 p.m.** as they will present a lovely and lively selection of holiday music and will include guest artists from the Chorus Angelicus community.