



*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  
Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

February 23, 2025

10 A.M.

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

\* please stand in body and/or spirit

PRELUDE

*Bethena*

Scott Joplin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING HYMN

*Send Down Thy Truth, O God*

PH #237

\*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

*How Great Thou Art*

Voices of Praise

MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN

Robin Anderson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*\*the children depart to their classroom\**

JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN *Abide With Me* PH #209

SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 1:1-8*

PASTOR'S MEDITATION God's Kingdom - What Does It Mean For Us?

\*HYMN *We Would Be Building* PH #494

INVITATION TO GIVE

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (in unison)

**Generous God, thank you for pressing Your holy love into the lap of our lives. Bless these gifts we bring that they may be multiplied into a good larger than we can imagine. Also, bless us, that we might live our lives in gratitude, sharing freely without expectation of return. Through this way of Jesus, stretch our hearts, minds, and lives into channels of Your Holy grace. 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

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Bind Us Together* Bob Gillman

***Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together, Lord,  
Bind us together in love.***

POSTLUDE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Spiritual

*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
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship at Panera, Bristol
	7:00 p.m.	Jesus-Talk @ C.C.P.
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

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Today's GCT Member in Charge:

Barbara McClellan  
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***In our Prayers this week, we remember:*** Larry Batchelder, US Figure Skating community, Savannah & Luke Cote, Marguerite, Jim Negro (Joanna Vastola's uncle), Frank & Deanna Hoxie, Jocelyn Michaud, Marilyn Borry, People of the Middle East, Jurg Oggenfuss, Hailey Calder, L.A. Wildfire victims & first responders, Nancy Bianchi (Jane Calandriello's friend), Bonnie Soucy, Becky (Sebby Berarducci's stepmom), Harrison & family, Frank Eaton, Rena Beliveau, Sharon Erickson (Rev. Don's mother), Joie-Marie Mazurek, Melissa Mazurek, Stormi Morrison (Donna Zapatka's cousin), Claranne Parker, Sue Piercy, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi Turcotte

**The families and friends of:** Vivian Tardiff, Al Valeri, Marsha Perry Juday, victims of PSA 5342 collision, Maria Iannone, Fay Flaherty (Danielle Fusco's grandmother), Corrine Trepanier, Eileen (Abby Zakrzewski's godmother), Ray Bellemy, Jim Ault, John Quilter, President Jimmy Carter, Shirley Vortisch, Steve Cote's uncle

**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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**The Rev. Don Erickson, Senior Minister**

Peter Peluso, Guest Choir Director & Organist

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### C.C.P. PRESENTS... NOT JUST POLKAS!

Join us as we welcome the *Connecticut Accordion Orchestra* for a **Not Just Polkas Concert** on **February 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **3 p.m.**

The Connecticut Accordion Orchestra, under the direction of Peter Peluso, will perform a variety of pieces including Classical, Light Classics, Jazz, Broadway and Movie Themes.

### C.C.P. PRESENTS... THE SHAMROCK SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE!

Kick up your heels & join us for a performance of traditional Irish dance that will leave you feeling lucky as we welcome the *Shamrock School of Irish Dance* on **March 13<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30 p.m.**

## JESUS. LOVE. MINDFULNESS.

*The Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC*



**The Congregational  
Church of Plainville**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



**Jesus. Love. Mindfulness.**

The Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC is pleased to announce the creation of a second service

**"Jesus. Love. Mindfulness."**

on Sunday mornings at **11:30 a.m.**

The new service, devoted to **Mindfulness** practice, will be offered beginning on **March 16th.**

In addition to the second service, for those who simply desire the community aspect of church life, we offer Fellowship time deemed **"Beloved Community & Coffee,"** beginning at **11 a.m.** and is open to everyone, even if you didn't attend worship. The community is invited to just come and hangout with us if you desire to or need to.

**Traditional Sunday Service** will continue to be held at **10 a.m.**

We'd love to have you join us in Worship or Fellowship!