



**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
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

10 A.M.

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

* please stand in body and/or spirit

PRELUDE *Near The Cross* William H. Doane

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* NCH #59

*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 *Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee* K. Lee Scott

MESSAGE OF CHRISTIAN CONCERN Lynnette Astolfi

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **the children depart to their classroom**

JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN *God Is My Shepherd* NCH #479

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

GOSPEL READING Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

PASTOR'S MEDITATION The Beautiful Gospel

*HYMN *Beautiful Jesus* NCH #44

*INVITATION TO GIVE

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (in unison)

Gracious God, bless these gifts and our lives to your service.

*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 *May You Run and Not Be Weary* Handt Hanson

POSTLUDE *Sarabande* Adrian Fish

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

Today's GCT Member in Charge: Barbara McClellan & Nicholas Collins

In our Prayers this week, we remember: Edith (Rev. Don Erickson's grandniece), Diana Drachenberg, Deanna Hoxie, Jean McCormack (Bev Letendre's friend), Ed & Polly Sauer, Diane (Bill Calder's sister-in-law), Nicole Guglietta, Jim & Cindy Nissen (Nicholas Collins's friends), The Krpata Family, First Responders, Marilyn Borry, Sharon Erickson (Rev. Don's mother), Joie-Marie Mazurek, Melissa Mazurek, Jocelyn Michaud, Stormi Morrison (Donna Zapatka's cousin), Claranne Parker, Sue Piercy, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi Turcotte, Linda Valeri

The families and friends of: Tom Heslin (Donna Zapatka's cousin), Tom Monahan, Frank Hoxie, Corey Proctor, Helene Knowlton (Russ Drachenberg's cousin), Fran (Rex Cone's friend), Anthony Papandrea, Larry Batchelder, Don (Jennifer Zakrzewski's father), Vivian Tardiff, Al Valeri, Marsha Perry Juday

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.

The Rev. Don Erickson, Senior Minister
Richard Carsey, Choir Director & Organist
Teresa Talarico, Office Manager

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Imagine the difference we can make - the light we can be in the world - when we join together with other people of faith who are giving to the same cause. For over 75 years, *One Great Hour of Sharing* has been allowing like-minded churches and followers of Christ to generously share out of their bounty with those who may need some assistance. You will have the opportunity to do just that on *Sunday, March 30, 2025* when we will receive a special offering.

EASTER COLLECTION

This year, once again, the Mission Social Action Committee will collect items for Easter for our *Covenant To Care For Children* Social Worker to distribute to the children under her care. We are looking for donations of coloring books, crayons to accompany each book (or colored Pencils), and various activity book, crosswords, word search, suduko, etc. Ashley's case load has approximately 20 children, and we will update with approximate ages when we get that information. There will be a collection bin in the Narthex beginning *Sunday, March 30, through Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday)*. Thank you for your prayerful donations to these children.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST & MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

Our next Communion Breakfast will be on *April 6th* where we will also honor our *Membership Milestones* recipients!

In lieu of our normal Sunday Service, we will meet in *Kelsey Hall at 10 a.m.* for breakfast, replete with Communion, worship, a devotional from Rev. Don, and special recognition of those members who have reached the 50+ years membership milestone.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you would like to help set up for this event on Saturday April 5th at 1pm or volunteer as Kitchen Help on Sunday morning, please use the sign-up sheets in Kelsey Hall or contact the Church Office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 175TH BUILDING ANNIVERSARY PLANNING TEAM

Our beautiful building is turning 175 this year and we want to celebrate in style! Want to be a part of the planning team for these fun events?

Join Us on April 8th at 7pm, either in the library or via zoom! Please let the church office know if you are interested so we can keep you up to date.

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C.C.P. PRESENTS... THE HOT CAT JAZZ BAND!

Join us for a toe tapping performance as we welcome *The Hot Cat Jazz Band* on April 13th at 3:00 pm!

The Hot Cat Jazz Band plays music from the 1920's through the 1960's. During this performance you will be sure to hear some Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley and many others. Refreshments will be served.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The following Holy Week services have been scheduled:

- ***Palm Sunday Service*** on **April 13th** at 10 a.m.
- ***Good Friday Prayer Vigil*** on **April 18th** from 6 a.m. – 3 p.m., *please contact the Church Office to sign up for a time of individual prayer and quiet reflection*
- A ***Traditional Easter Sunday Service*** will be held on **April 20th** at 10 a.m. with a ***Music & Mindfulness Service*** following at 11:30 a.m.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

With food insecurity on the rise, please consider supporting our mission to combat hunger by donating canned and non-perishable food items. A collection box for the ***Blessing Box*** and a basket for the ***Plainville Community Food Pantry*** are out in the Narthex to receive your donations through the Easter Holiday.

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

Throughout Lent, we will be collecting donations of clothing, shoes, belts, backpacks, gloves, handbags, hats, stuffed animals, and toys. ***Please make sure all items are bagged.***

Your donations can be left in the collection bins between ***now and April 18th*** or dropped off on ***April 19th from 9am - 2pm.*** Contact the church office if you need to arrange an alternative drop-off. Give your old clothes a second chance and support the ***Save Our Steeple Fund*** with your donations!

SPRING 2025 YOGA

4-week Chair (or) Flow Yoga session

Mondays: April 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Chair / 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Flow

PLEASE RSVP to let Bonnie know the headcount; call or text 860-573-1186



2025 EASTER LILIES

We are pleased to announce that we will once again be offering Easter Lilies!

Participants will have the opportunity to donate Lilies in honor or remembrance of someone special in their lives. The plants will then be given to those members that need to be remembered by our Church during this season. These beautiful plants are delivered to the church and displayed in the sanctuary during Easter week services, with the names of the donors and those they are honoring or remembering listed in the Order of Service. ***There will be one line for each donated plant.*** The plants are \$13.00 each.

Also, this year, participants will once again have the option to make a ***suggested donation of \$13.00*** to C.C.P. in honor, or remembrance, of someone special with the names of the donors and those they are honoring or remembering listed in the Order of Service, ***but with no plants ordered.***

Lastly, we will again take orders for plants wanted for personal use. These plants will be available for pick-up on ***Saturday April 19th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.*** *These plants will not be noted in the Order of Service.*

A portion of the proceeds of this year's Easter Lily Sale will go towards the ***Save Our Steeple Fund.***

Please complete the form on the back and return it to the Church Office with payment by ***Sunday, April 6th.*** ***No order will be accepted without payment.*** You may attach multiple forms together if needed. All plants must be pre-ordered. Please circle Honor or Memory in each notation.

Checks (made out to C.C. P.) or Cash will be accepted. Payment and completed forms can be returned to:

The Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC
130 West Main Street
Plainville, CT 06062

This floral ministry of the church is coordinated through the God Care Team and the Minister.

Please contact the Church Office at churchoffice@uccplainville.org or 860/747-1901 with any questions.

Thank you for participating in this beautiful ministry.



2025 EASTER LILY Donation Form

Order Deadline: Sunday, April 6, 2025

Price: \$13.00 each (All orders require prepayment)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

- I would like to **donate** _____ (# of plants) in honor/memory of the following people. These plants are donated to the church for distribution to persons to be determined by the Minister and God Care Team. *Please circle Honor or Memory in each notation.* (This is a tax-deductible contribution.)

In Loving Honor / Memory (circle one) of _____

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- I would like to **donate \$13.00** in honor/memory of the people noted below. *(No plants purchased)* Please circle Honor or Memory in each notation. (This is a tax-deductible contribution.)

In Loving Honor / Memory (circle one) of _____

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In Loving Honor / Memory (circle one) of _____

- I would like to order _____ (# of plants) for **personal use**. I will pick these up at church on **Saturday, April 19th**. I understand these will *not* be noted in the bulletin.

Total # plants ordered _____ **x \$13.00 = \$** _____

Make checks payable to "C.C.P."

Send checks and completed forms to:
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