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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
Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

10 A.M.

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

* please stand in body and/or spirit

PRELUDE *Lift High the Cross* arr. John Carter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SELAH *(a moment of pause & preparation)*

*OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* PH #182

*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.

*EASTER ACCLAMATION

Christ is risen! Alleluia! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*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 *Antiphonal Hosanna* G. Alan Smith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **the children return to their seats**

JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN *Because He Lives* insert

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:1-12

PASTOR'S MEDITATION Easter Life

*HYMN *Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day* PH #188

*INVITATION TO GIVE

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (in unison)

To the witness of new life emerging, God open us. To the work of new world building, God commit us. To the power of love persisting, God dedicate us. For the calling of faith rising up, God equip us. 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 *Hallelujah Chorus* Handel (arr. Adam Pond)

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in C Major* John Stanley

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:

Diana Drachenberg

In our Prayers this week, we remember: The Landini Family, Holly Glenzer Erickson, Edith (Rev. Don Erickson's grandniece), Diana Drachenberg, Deanna Hoxie, Jean McCormack (Bev Letendre's friend), Ed & Polly Sauer, 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: Jack Landini, Barbara West, Ronald McCray, Tom Heslin (Donna Zapatka's cousin), Tom Monahan, Frank Hoxie, Corey Proctor, Helene Knowlton (Russ Drachenberg's cousin), Fran (Rex Cone'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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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.

C.C.P. PRESENTS... PHS JAZZ BAND!

In celebration of Jazz Appreciation Month, please join us as we welcome the *Plainville High Jazz Band* on April 27th at 3:00 pm!

Under the direction of Mike Boncimino, the PHS Jazz Band will perform a variety of songs guaranteed to get your toes tapping & fingers snapping.

C.C.P. PRESENTS... MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU!

Join us on May 4th at 4:00 p.m. for an afternoon of music with pianist and conductor *Richard Carsey* as he examines how music creates atmosphere, touches our minds, and helps to tell stories. From classical to film music, this eclectic program may make you think differently about the music that surrounds us every day. (And yes, there will be some “Star Wars”!)

READERS NEEDED

Rev. Don is in search of volunteers to read the announcements and scripture readings on Sunday mornings. If you would like to help out please contact Rev. Don or the office.

BUDDHA & CHRIST: A COMPARATIVE STUDY

As part of the “*Jesus. Love. Mindfulness.*” series a new class will be offered on **Wednesdays, May 7th - June 4th at 7 p.m.**

The Buddha (the awakened one) and Christ (the anointed one) both have world religions named after them. The similarities go even deeper. The differences are profound as well. By comparing and contrasting Buddhism and Christianity, we see the richness and complexity of human faith and even grow spiritually in the process. The aim of this 5-week class is just that - intellectual enrichment and spiritual growth. Whether you are curious about Buddhism, Christianity, or both, your mind and spirit will benefit from the class.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

A **New Membership Class** begins **April 30th**, after service. Anyone interested in becoming a member of CCP, please let Rev Don know.

1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;
 2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by,
 3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;
 and feel the pride and joy he* gives;
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

he lived and died to buy my par - don,
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance,
 and then as death gives way to vic - tory,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

Refrain

Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row;

be - cause he lives, all fear is gone;

be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,

and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

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2025 Easter Lilies

In Loving Honor of:

*Elizabeth Farnum
Ann Weeks*

Given by:

*Ron D. Call
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In Loving Memory of:

*Albert & Marie-Ange Letendre
Albert Valeri
Ashby & Sadie Jane Hicks
Charlotte Karabin
David & Cynthia Bowes
Don & Marilyn Carsey
Donald & Carolyn Williams
Donald & Carolyn Williams
Donald & Helen Calder
Donna & Joseph Sibley
Edna Collins
Evan Zenuh*

Given by:

*Herve & Bev Letendre
Diana & Russ Drachenberg
David Ryan
Donna & Tim Zapatka
Lynnette & Renny Astolfi
Richard Carsey
Lynette Susco
Bill & Pam Thomas
William Calder
The Fraychak Family
Nicholas Collins
Irene Mohr &
Marilyn Ronewicz
Diana & Russ Drachenberg
Margaret Mead
William Calder
Lynette Susco
Ruthe & Edward Boiczyk
Claranne Parker
David Ryan
Jon Pendleton
Lynette Susco
Marilyn Borry*

*Fran Rose
Fran Rose
Frank Hoxie
Frederick & Esther Morton
Irene & Edward Boiczyk
James (Jim) Parker
James Ryan ~ Peggy Wood
Jane Pendleton
Jared & Grace Williams
John M. Borry, Sr.*



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In Loving Memory of:

*Laura Mayne
Paul Cormier ~ Marcia Golebiewski
Mark David Pendleton
Michael R. Fraychak
Michael "Pop" Fraychak*

*Mr. & Mrs. Albert Seeds, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Irving Gridley
Muriel Call*

*Ormond & Avis Bray
Pamela Kowar-Calder
Paul Pendleton
Ray & Pam Belisle
Ruthe & Douglas Boyea
Sebastian Berarducci, Sr.
Tom Susco*

Given by:

*Richard Carsey
Beth Fraychak
Jon Pendleton
Beth Fraychak
Jamie, Justin, Brooke &
Parker Frachak
Albert & Ruth Seeds
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Ron D. Call
Herve & Bev Letendre
William Calder
Jon Pendleton
David Ryan
Ruthe & Edward Boicznyk
Lisa Torres
Lynette Susco*

