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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
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

10 A.M.

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

** please stand in body and/or spirit*

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. John Carter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

COMMUNION
(via intinction)

OPENING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* NCH #43

SACRED SILENCE (*for personal reflection and centering*)

With reverence and faith and love, stay near, O God. Amen.

COMMUNION LITANY

"The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body broken for you"

O God, just as this broken loaf was scattered over the hill as grain, and, having been gathered together, became one; in like fashion, may your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Because yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Life...

In remembrance of our Lord Jesus, Our Way, Truth, and Life

"In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant effected by my lifeblood poured out for you."

O God, just as this juice comes from a gathering of grapes grown on a vine rooted deep, in like fashion, may we be rooted in the Vine that is Christ, and bear good fruit together as we look to your kingdom.

Because yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

The Lifeblood of the New Covenant, the Cup of Wholeness...

In remembrance of our Lord Jesus, Our Way, Truth, and Life

RECEIVING OF ELEMENTS (*walk to Communion table, take bread, intinct bread in juice in chalice, partake, and return to seat*)

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.*

JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN	<i>Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us</i>	NCH #583
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SCRIPTURE READING	Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:32-40
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PASTOR'S MEDITATION "To Treasure"

*HYMN	<i>Jesus - The Very Thought to Me</i>	NCH #507
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*INVITATION TO GIVE

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Holy and ever-present God, you call us to set our minds on things above, to let go of all that weighs us down, and to embrace the new life found in Christ. As we bring these gifts, shape our hearts in generosity, our hands in service, and our minds in faithfulness. May these offerings be used to transform lives, to build up your kingdom, and to reflect your love in this world. Keep us ever mindful that we give because you have first given so abundantly to us. In Christ's name, we pray. 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

*PREPARING FOR THE WEEK	<i>Voluntary in G minor</i>	Thomas Roseingrave
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Join Us for Beloved Community & Coffee in Kelsey Hall after Worship

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship at Panera, Bristol

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Today's GCT Member in Charge:

Diana Drachenberg  
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In our Prayers this week, we remember: Kiley Mazurek, Alan Robinson (Beth Fraychak's uncle), Maya & Cassandra (Rose Eaton's cousins), Ron (Jane Calandriello's friend's husband), Marcus's mom (Rose Eaton's friend), Texas Flood Victims, Anne Cormier (Beth Fraychak's sister-in-law), Silver Lake Summer Staff, Jenna (Jocelyn Michaud's daughter), Savannah Cote, Lenny & Jane, Mickey Mastrianni (Bonnie Mazurek's friend), First Responders, John Borry, Jr., Marilyn Borry, Sharon Erickson (Rev. Don's mother), Joie-Marie Mazurek, Melissa Mazurek, Barbara McClellan, Jocelyn Michaud, Stormi Morrison (Donna Zapatka's cousin), Claranne Parker, Sue Piercy, Gabriel Smykla, Bobbi Turcotte, Linda Valeri

The families and friends of: Raymond Moreau, George & Mary White, Laura Valeri

Members and friends serving in the military: Sabrina Sedor, 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### C.C.P. PRESENTS... A CHILDREN'S SUMMER SERIES!

The Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC and Plainville Early Learning Center are excited to be teaming up for a **Children's Summer Series**. Join us for an *Indoor "Drive-In" Movie* night on **Friday, August 8th at 6:30 p.m.!** Bring your pillows, blankets, and a picnic dinner and join us for a special showing of *Lilo & Stitch!* Movie snacks will be served.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A *Grief Support Group* will begin on Tuesday, **August 12 at 7 pm** in the Parlor. This first session will be more of a get to know you and an introduction to the 12 bi-monthly sessions that will follow. Please *RSVP* by contacting Rev Don or the church office.

### BACKPACK COLLECTION

We are once again collecting backpacks and supplies for children in need over the summer months. There is a collection bin in the narthex, and the Community Care Team asks all of us to put this on our radar as the sales on back-to-school supplies begin. Those of you with school-age children might want to involve them as you make choices. We are looking to collect items for **10 teens (4 boys, 6 girls)** and **4 elementary school age (3 boys, 1 girl)**. This collection will conclude **August 17th**. Thank you.

### C.C.P. AT THE ROCKWELL PARK SUMMER FESTIVAL

On **August 16<sup>th</sup>** C.C.P. will be hosting a booth at the *Rockwell Park Summer Festival* in Bristol from 10am - 6pm. Come on out and see us! We will be handing out information about our **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** and hosting a few kids' games. The festival boasts Live Music all day, Food & Craft Vendors, a Car Show, Artists and Kid's Zone. *If anyone wants to help out at our booth we'd love the company, let the office know.*

### PLAINVILLE BALLOON FESTIVAL PARKING ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On **August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>** C.C.P. will be opening our parking lots to visitors of the *Plainville Balloon Festival* once again. Last year we were able to raise over \$1,200 for our steeple!

We will have both lots open with a table displaying our **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** and *Save Our Steeple* information. Bottles of water will also be available for sale. We are looking for parking lot attendants and greeters. *If you can help, please sign up to volunteer on the sheets in Kelsey Hall.*



### SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, September 6th**, the church will host a ***Pasta Dinner*** from 4:30 - 7pm. For \$10 per person (*children under 7 free*), attendees will receive a complete pasta dinner and be able to view historical items spanning 175 Years or more displayed in the sanctuary. *Dinner available for Dine-In or To-Go.*

**Sunday, September 7th**, the church will host a special 175th Anniversary Service at 3 p.m., followed by a ***Plainville's Got Talent Concert & Ice Cream Social***. For \$8 per person, guests receive an ice cream sandwich provided by *The Wheely Cool* & a concert highlighting a variety of local talent.

### 175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY ~ VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES

#### CELEBRATION SPONSORSHIP

We are looking for individuals and families who would like to be a part of the celebration by purchasing a ***Celebration Sponsorship***. Celebration Sponsors will have their names listed in the program and their donation will help to offset the costs of our celebratory weekend. This will allow us to make a larger investment to the *Save Our Steeple Fund* as all proceeds from the weekend will go to the Fund. To participate, please complete a Sponsorship form and return it to the office by **August 10<sup>th</sup>**. Forms are available in Kelsey Hall and office.

#### 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PASTA DINNER

On **September 6<sup>th</sup>** C.C.P. will host a ***Pasta Dinner*** from 4:30 - 7pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up as well as help in the Kitchen and as Servers/Greeters for Kelsey Hall. *If you can help, please sign up to volunteer on the sheets in Kelsey Hall.*

#### 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT & ICE CREAM

On **September 7<sup>th</sup>** C.C.P. will host a ***Concert & Ice Cream Social*** at 3pm. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the canopy tents in the afternoon on ***Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>***. As well as a clean-up crew for after the event on Sunday, the 7<sup>th</sup>. *If you can help, please sign up to volunteer on the sheets in Kelsey Hall.*