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# The Order of Morning Worship Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025 10 A.M.

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

\* please stand in body and/or spirit

PRELUDE Siciliano D. Scarlotti

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

OPENING HYMN Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ NCH #520

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 Amazing Grace arr. Donald Morre

JOYS, SORROWS OR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN Blessed Assurance NCH #473

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 3:13-17

Luke 15:1-10

PASTOR'S MEDITATION Paradigm Shift

#### \*INVITATION TO GIVE

## \*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE (in unison)

Steadfast and sheltering God, you are our refuge in every age, our hope when foolishness abounds and justice seems far off. Even when the world disappoints, you call us to faithfulness, to community, to generosity that reflects your own heart. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in you and our desire to live differently, to live redemptively, and to live hopefully. Use them—and us—for the good that ripples outward, for the healing of hearts and the strengthening of your people. We give not because all is well but because you are good. 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 Nachtstuck R. Schuman

Join Us for Beloved Community & Coffee in Kelsey Hall after Worship

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

> Jesus-Talk @ C.C.P. 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Thursday

Today's GCT Member in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Nicholas Collins

In our Prayers this week, we remember: Todd Turcotte (Bobbie Turcotte's son), Ralph (Todd Turcotte's stepfather), Nikki, (Rex Cone's cousin), Cindy (Rose Eaton's friend's aunt), Tara Holm (Justin Fraychak's co-worker), Gloria Richie (Steve Cote's aunt), Ed (Diana Drachenberg's neighbor), Eddie Nieves, Jr. (Ron Call's friend), Jurg Oggenfuss & Richard Carsey, Ruth Seeds, Eric & Allison (Robin Anderson's neighbors), Betty (Bev Letendre's sister-in-law), Kiley Mazurek, Alan Robinson (Beth Fraychak's uncle), Maya & Cassandra (Rose Eaton's cousins), Ron (Jane Calandriello's friend's husband), Mickey Mastrianni (Bonnie Mazurek's friend), First Responders, John Borry, Jr., Marilyn Borry, Sharon Erickson (Rev. Don's mother), 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: Cindy Ovanesian (Friend of the Boiczyk's), Mert Coulombe-Kemzura, Gayle Adams, Phyllis Rustico, Christine (Rose Eaton's friend), Diane Deshaies, Ken Peck (Nicholas Collins's brother's brother-in-law), Beverly Turner (Bonnie Mazurek's sister), Robert Astolfi (Renny Astolfi's father), Fran Pac, Eleanor Golebiewski, Firefighter Raymond Moreau, George & Mary White, Laura Valeri

Members and friends serving in the military: Sabrina Sedor, Noah Westkott, Jason Guglietta, Bryant J. Cruz, Aiden, Jadyn, Isajah, 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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## Call to the All - Church Meeting September 21, 2025

Per Article VII - Section 2 - Meetings for Business - b. Special Meetings; The members of The Congregational Church of Plainville, United Church of Christ, are hereby notified that an All-Church Meeting is being called by the Church Council.

The All-Church Meeting will be held on **Sunday**, **September 21**, **2025** in the sanctuary and will start at **11:30 a.m**. Written notice of the All - Church Meeting will be emailed to all members of the congregation at least seven (7) days prior to September 21st. Notice of the All - Church Meeting will be posted on all entries to the church at least seven (7) days prior to September 21st. Notice of the All - Church Meeting will be read from the pulpit on September 14, 2025.

Quorum: Fifteen (15) percent of active members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting for business, based on the Church membership as of the previous year's Annual Report of the Clerk as approved at the Annual Meeting held on January 26, 2025. Method of voting will be by hand. A majority vote is decisive.

The All-Church Meeting is being called by the Church Council for the following purposes:

- To consider and approve the resignation of Rev. Donald Erickson as Senior Minister of the Congregational Church of Plainville, UCC;
- 2. To consider and approve the Temporary Designated Term Ministerial Position;
- 3. To consider and approve the Church Council's recommendation for the non-permanent Designated Term Minister search team;
- 4. To consider and approve three distinct goals the congregation will work through with the assistance of the Designated Term Minister.

If church is cancelled that day due to inclement weather, the meeting will be postponed until September 28, 2025, if at all possible.

By order of the Church Council, David Ryan, Moderator

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## C.C.P. PRESENTS...PLAINVILLE ~ 2026 WALL CALENDAR

As part of our "Celebrating 175 Years!" weekend we have created a unique, limited-run 2026 Wall Calendar entitled: The Congregational Church of Plainville presents...Plainville. Each month of these beautiful calendars highlight the Town of Plainville; from our History, Parks, Schools and First Responders to beloved Annual events like Juneteenth, Petit Family Foundation 5K, Plainville Balloon Festival, PumpkinFest and more. Calendars are \$15 and proceeds benefit the Save Our Steeple Fund. To purchase, see Teresa during Coffee Hour.

## RALLY SUNDAY

Join Us for *Rally Sunday*! Mark your calendars for **Sunday**, **September 21**<sup>st</sup> as we kick off a new Sunday School year!

## 5 WEEK CHAIR (OR) FLOW YOGA SESSIONS

Mondays: September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. *Chair* / 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. *Flow* 

**Please contact Bonnie to register!** \*fair pricing is attendance based as usual. sign up and we will work thru the fees\* Contact Bonnie Soucy RTY-500 at <a href="mailto:dodowndog@gmail.com">dodowndog@gmail.com</a> or call/txt 860-573-1186