

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 4, 2017 - 8:00 a.m.

Welcome! We're glad you're here today! For more information about our church, please see our brochure in your pew. You are invited to return the enclosed information card to share your contact information and/or your pastoral needs; and you are welcome to sign our guestbook at the rear of the sanctuary. Infant/toddler care is in the Nursery/Room 1 from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

MEDITATION:

The news is that God's wind is blowing.

It may be a breeze that cools and comforts.

It may be a gust that summons you to notice.

It may be a storm that blows you where you have never been before.

Whatever the wind is in your life,

pay attention to it...

and the blessing of God,

Father, Son, and Spirit, will abide with you always.

~ Walter Brueggemann from *Prayers for a Privileged People*

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Richmond" (H. Willan)*

Rev. Ann Aaberg

GREETINGS and CHURCH LIFE

One: This is the day our God has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Unison: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

CALL to WORSHIP

One: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

All: The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

One: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

All: Spirit of the Living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power!

*HYMN #592 (Blue Hymnal) *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

*PRAYER of CONFESSION

We admit to you, God of our life, that our celebration of the coming of your Spirit is often an empty ritual.

Through the Spirit you offer us life, but we cling to the ways of death.

Through the Spirit you offer us freedom, but we cling to our chains.

Through the Spirit you offer us unity, but we continue building walls between ourselves and others.

Through the Spirit you offer us power, but we shrink away in fear and doubt.

Forgive us, O God, that we refuse the gifts you offer. Allow us to touch the risen Christ that our doubt may be overcome. Let us sing and dance with joy, truly celebrating your presence. Let us move with courage into the world with the word of your love. We pray in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors; 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 #35 (Blue Hymnal)

Glory be to the Father (Creator) and to the Son (Christ) and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the Beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer cards are provided in your pew if you would like to make a prayer request. They will be collected during the prayer. Please pass your card toward the center aisle for collection.

PROCLAIMING the GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE John 7:37-39 (Pew Bible, N.T. page 100)

INTERLUDE

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21 (Pew Bible, N.T. page 119)

Rev. Ann Aaberg

COMMUNION REFLECTION "Faith for Today"

Rev. Ann Aaberg

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

CALL to GIVE OUR TITHES and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #46 (Blue Hymnal)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him (God) all creatures here below; Praise Him (God) above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father (Creator), Son (Christ), and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN of PREPARATION #295 (Blue Hymnal) *In This Very Room*

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

(Participation in the sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all. We serve the congregation the elements in the pews. We invite you to take the bread and wait until all are served, signifying our unity as One Body of Christ. We invite you to take the cup when you are ready, signifying your personal relationship with Christ. It is the custom at this church to use unfermented grape juice in the cup.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal Spirit of the universe, we thank you that you do not leave us alone but place your word within us and in the midst of our life together. We thank you for the presence of Jesus Christ through the spiritual nourishment of this holy meal. Give us courage and commitment to let your winds blow through us and to let your life be revealed among us. Empowered by your Spirit, send us forth to care for the needs of all people, to break bread together with joy, and to praise you day by day. Grant us your peace; through Jesus who lives among us. Amen.

*HYMN #249 (Blue Hymnal) *Spirit*

*OUR COMMON COMMISSION

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN #317 (Blue Hymnal)

*POSTLUDE *Fanfare (H. Schroeder)*

*All who are able, please stand.



Flowers

In loving memory of my wife Carolyn, from Dave Benvenuti and their children Marc, Eric, Amy & Nadine

NOTES of PARISH LIFE

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Those with hearing aids so equipped may switch to the "T" setting on their aids to use our Hearing Loop system. Individual units are also available. Please ask an usher.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP STOCK SALE Don't worry if you missed the opening bell on May 7th, you didn't miss your chance to invest in the faith formation of our youth and their Mission Trip this summer to Philadelphia. There are still shares of stock available, contact Pastor Christa if you are interested!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE ... The pledges received to date leave us \$8,000 short of the level the Trustees had planned on this year. If you haven't pledged yet, or you can increase your pledge, it's not too late. Please contact the Stewardship committee at XXX-XXX-XXXX or XXXXX@XXX.XXX.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL LUNCHEON is on **Wednesday, June 7** at Ender's Island Retreat Center at 11:30 a.m. It is open to all female members and friends of Mystic Congregational Church. Reservation is required. Cost is \$15 per person which is due at time of reservation. Checks must be made out to "Women's Fellowship". For more information, please call Nancy McLoughlin (XXX-XXX-XXXX) or Karin Stuart (XXX-XXX-XXXX).

COULD YOU HOST A TEENAGER FOR A FEW WEEKS THIS JUNE?

This is a request from the family of an Episcopal priest in New Jersey. Rev. Adam Thomas of St. Mark's Episcopal Church here in Mystic was recently contacted by a priest in New Jersey, whose 15-year-old son is hoping to participate in a counselor-in-training program at Mystic Seaport from June 12th through the end of the month. If you live in biking distance of the seaport, would you like to host this person for those weeks? (His family will pay for room and board.) If you are interested in opening your home to him, please let Rev. Adam Thomas at St. Mark's know ASAP at XXX-XXX-XXXX or at XXXXXX@XXX.XXX.

CONTACTING PASTOR ANN

Confidential Voice Mail at any time: (860)536-4259 Ext. 112

Email: ann@mysticucc.org

Pastoral Emergency: (XXX)XXX-XXXX.

QUESTIONS ABOUT MCC SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH or MUSIC PROGRAMS: respectively, Genviève Spitale (Director-Children's Ministries) at 860-536-4259 Ext. 119, Pastor Christa Swenson at christaswenson@mac.com or 860-536-4259 Ext. 120 or, or Andrew Howell (Director-Music) at andrew@chorusofwesterly.org or 401-864-8066.

OTHER CHURCH CONTACTS For any other issue, question or concern, in addition to contacting the Pastor, you may also contact Church Moderator Katie Korpi at XXXXX@XXX.XXX and XXX-XXX-XXXX or Personnel Committee Member Laurie Alfieri at XXXXX@XXX.XXX and XXX-XXX-XXXX.



**MYSTIC
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**
United Church of Christ

Organized in 1852 at Mystic, Connecticut



*"I was glad when they said unto me,
'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'"
~Psalm 122:1*

**June 4, 2017
PENTECOST SUNDAY
HOLY COMMUNION**

8:00 a.m.

*Our Mission Statement: To joyfully bring the Christian principles
of faith, hope and love to all through quality worship,
education, fellowship and outreach.*

ALL ARE WELCOME
An Open and Affirming Church

MORNING MINISTRY

Ministers:All Members of the Church
Pastor:Rev. Ann M. Aaberg
Associate Pastor:Rev. Christa D. Swenson
Director of Music:Andrew Howell
Director of Children's Ministries:Genviève Spitale
Parish Care Coordinators:Jane Donnel & Karin Stuart
Nursery:Kathy Graham, Alexis Dempsey, Caroline Parker
Flowers:Joanne Lukaszewicz
Deacon:Jack Leary
Ushers:Dave Benvenuti, Jack Leary, Joanne Lukaszewicz, Nancy McLoughlin
Trustees:Keith Barker, Walter Grant

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, 6/04 **8:00 & 10:00 am** - **Worship & Communion Services**
9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:45 am - Nursery Care (Room 1)
10:00 am - **Confirmation**
10:15 am - Sunday School

Monday, 6/05 Meals on Wheels
11:00 am - Caregivers' Support Group (Library)
6:30-9:00 pm - AA (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, 6/06 No Event

Wednesday, 6/07 9:15 am - Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting (Parish Hall)
10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
11:30 am - Women's Fellowship Annual Luncheon (Ender's Is.)
6:00 pm - **All-Committee Planning Night (Parish Hall)**
7:00 pm - Tutoring (Church of the City, New London)

Thursday, 6/08 7:00 pm - Senior Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
7:00-9:30 pm - AA (Youth Space)

Friday, 6/09 Meals on Wheels

Saturday, 6/10 **DEADLINE for COMBINED JULY-AUGUST ISSUE of THE ANCHOR**

Sunday, 6/11 **LAST DAY of SUNDAY SCHOOL – CELEBRATE SUMMER!**
8:00 & 10:00 am - **Worship Services**
9:00 am - Children's Ministries (Room 2)
9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:45 am - Nursery Care (Room 1)
10:15 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - **Celebrate Summer** (Memorial Garden)

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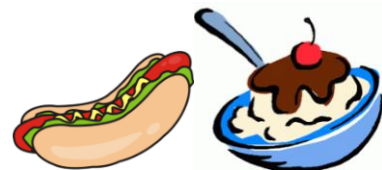
CELEBRATE SUMMER!

**Sunday, June 11
Memorial Garden**

On the last day of Sunday School we are ALL invited to
CELEBRATE SUMMER
in the Memorial Garden
after the 10:00 am worship service!

Hot Dogs

provided by the Membership Committee!



Ice Cream Sundaes

provided by Children's Ministries!
Cool beverages! Fun games!
Come One! Come All!

CELEBRATE SUMMER!