

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 4, 2017 - 10:00 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. Children in Pre-K to Grade 1 must be signed in and out of class by parent or caregiver.

## 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** *O Be Joyful* (C. Dobrinski)

Bell Choir

### GREETINGS and CHURCH LIFE

Rev. Ann Aaberg

One: This is the day our God has made!

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**Unison: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

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

(Congregation invited to join in on Refrains) Senior & Youth Choirs

### CALL to WORSHIP

Contributed by Colette Dreher

(Members of the congregation are invited to say aloud "Go with God!"

individually in any language other than English at lines marked with "Voice" as the Spirit moves them. Please raise your hand to volunteer!)

One: The Holy Spirit has the power to lift up and unite the whole entire world.

**All (English): Go with God!**

*Voice (In another language): Go with God!*

One: There are differences throughout every human but we are all the same through God's love.

**All (English): Go with God!**

*Voice (In another language): Go with God!*

One: If you follow the path of the Holy Spirit, your life with change for the better. If you follow the path of the Holy Spirit, your life with change for the better.

**All (English): Let us continue to follow God no matter where life takes us!**

**\*HYMN #3** (Blue Hymnal) *The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore*

Chosen by James Denman

### \*PRAYER of CONFESSION

Written by Ian & Ryan Poe

Gracious and Loving Lord, we give thanks to you today for bringing us together and filling us with your spirit. We see you in nature and in the faces of those we meet. Your sacrifice for our sins and your kindness are never ending, along with the loving care you have nourished us with. Grant us your forgiveness and set us on the right path to continue your work and be of service to all people. Grant us your mercy in the 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.

**\*HYMN #255** (Blue Hymnal) *She Is the Spirit* Chosen by James Denman

## PROCLAIMING the GOOD NEWS

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

Mentors Jody Capen, Lynda Hewitt, Jack Leary,

Joanne Lukaszewicz, Suzanne Talbot

**REFLECTION** "Faith for Today" 2015-2017 Confirmation Class

### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

## RITE of CONFIRMATION

JAMES PARKER DENMAN, COLETTE FRANCES

DREHER

IAN THEODORE POE, RYAN ALLEN POE,

GRACE OLIVIA POWELL

### INVITATION

### QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

**\*AFFIRMATION of FAITH by CONGREGATION and CANDIDATES**

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

**All: I believe in God.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

### PRAYER of the CANDIDATES

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

### PRAYER of the CONGREGATION

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### ACT of CONFIRMATION

### PRAYER of CONFIRMATION

### ADDRESS and PROMISE of PARTICIPATION

### WELCOME by CONGREGATION

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

### GREETING of CHRISTIAN LOVE

### FINAL PRAYER

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

**CALL to GIVE OUR TITHES and OFFERINGS**

Grace Powell

**OFFERTORY** *Come Down, O Love Divine* (R. Vaughan Williams)

**\*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 #414** (Blue Hymnal) *Eat This Bread*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst. (Repeat.)*

### 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 #452** (Blue Hymnal) *Here I Am, Lord*

**\*OUR COMMON COMMISSION** (unison)

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.



Please join us immediately following the service for refreshments and fellowship in our Parish Hall. All are welcome!

## 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 XXXXX@XXX.XXX.

#### CONTACTING PASTOR ANN

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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!

#### 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  
Hospitality: .....Laurel Butler, Marybeth Kendle, Beth Manning  
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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# MYSTIC CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

Organized in 1852 at Mystic, Connecticut



**June 4, 2017**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**  
**10:00 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*