

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 8, 2017 - 8:00 a.m. & 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 out of class by parent or caregiver.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

MEDITATION: *Live your life as though your every act were to become a universal law. ~ Immanuel Kant*

PRELUDE *O for the wings of a dove (F. Mendelssohn)*

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!

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #13 (Red Hymnal, 10:00 am)

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

CALL to WORSHIP

(Adapted from a prayer by Jamie Norwich McLennan from Before the Amen)

One: Open wide the window of your spirits!

All: That we may be filled with light!

One: Open wide the door of your hearts!

All: That we may receive our God!

One: Come now to give thanks and praise!

All: Let us worship God together!

***HYMN #251** (Red Hymnal) *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*
(10:00 am Sunday School children dismissed to Parish Hall)

***OPENING PRAYER** Rev. Christa Swenson
(Adapted from a prayer by Jane O. Sorenson from Before the Amen)

Eternal God, be present with us now. As we bring our broken hearts and crushed spirits, revive us. As we bring our joys and praises, exalt with us. We come broken and whole, sorrowing and rejoicing. Be present with us now and forever in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave us these words...

***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.

HYMN #642 (Blue Hymnal, 10:00 am) *How Long, O God, How Long?*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer cards are provided in your pew if you would like to make a prayer request. They will be collected during the silent portion of the prayer. Please pass your card toward the center aisle for collection. If unable to pass your prayer card, you may raise it to ensure visibility and the pastor or a deacon will collect it.

PROCLAIMING the GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE Psalm 19:7-14 (responsive)

Right: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

Left: the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

Right: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

Left: the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Right: the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever;

Left: the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

Right: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

Left: sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Unison: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be

acceptable to you,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

INTERLUDE (8:00 am)

ANTHEM (10:00 am) *Christ is made the sure foundation (D. Wood)* Senior Choir

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (Bible, N.T. page 21) Rev. Ann Aaberg

SERMON "Broken" 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 #1** (Red Hymnal) *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

***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 #320** (Blue Hymnal)

***POSTLUDE** *Voluntary on "Hyfrydol" (H. Willan)*

*All who are able, please stand.



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

Flowers

In loving memory of Dudley W. Butler and Barbara S. Butler, with love and gratitude from their family

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.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP On Tuesday, **October 10** at 9:15 am we continue our theme, *Caring for Ourselves, for Others, and for Our Planet*, as we gather in the Parish Hall for refreshments and our business meeting. Plans for the upcoming Bazaar will be discussed and Tea Tickets will be available! After the meeting we will carpool to the nearby location of **Horses Healing Humans** in Stonington. There we will be greeted by Lee Paradis, Director, who will introduce us to the program followed by an optional walking tour of the grounds to observe the program in action. Join us and bring interested friends for what promises to be a amazing program that is providing much needed support and hope for those seeking physical and emotional well-being.

Diaper Mission also begins this Tuesday. Our goal is to help ensure families in need have adequate supply of diapers for their babies and infants. We will deliver to the Pawcatuck Neighbor Center, where donations of size 4, 5, and 6 are particularly needed.

CROP WALK The CROP (*Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty*) Walk takes place next Sunday, **October 15**. We will gather at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Pearl Street at 1:00 p.m. to turn in our registrations and will then walk to the Noank Baptist Church and back (a distance of about 5.5 miles). Pick up your donation/registration form by the Library or in the Parish Hall. Donations may be made to individual walkers or online.

WARM CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED When you sort through your children's coats, hats, mittens, boots, and sweaters in preparation for the cold days ahead, please bring gently-worn outgrown items to hand on the red tree outside of the Children's Ministries door. Sizes 3T-children's Size 7 are the primary target. Kathleen O'Beirne will deliver the first collection to Riverfront Children's Center after Sunday, **November 5**, and thereafter as necessary.

BAZAAR BLITZ & GLITZ You will be contacted by email or in person to make sandwiches or bake cookies for the **November 8-9** Bazaar & Elegant Tea. We especially need sandwiches; but cookies, brownies, small bars, sliced small breads, and other treats are always appreciated. We are known for our exquisite tea – help us keep the tradition going! If you cannot make sandwiches, a donation toward the purchase of ingredients would be helpful. (Sue Johnson is the chair for servers (860-XXX-XXXX) and Laurel Butler (860-XXX-XXXX) for kitchen coordination and food procurement – both of these women deserve tiaras!)

DONATIONS FOR FOOD, HOUSEHOLD & HEALTHCARE ITEMS are continually collected and then taken to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center (PNC) or the Groton Human Services Food Lockers. Food stamps do not cover diapers or other sanitary supplies so those items are welcomed as well.

COVENANTAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK are for the Taftville Congregational Church UCC, Terryville Congregational Church UCC, Thompson Congregational Church UCC, United Congregational Church of Tolland UCC, Center Congregational UCC (in Torrington), and our partner churches Dongbu Sunlin in South Korea and Church of the City of New London.

PRAYER CHAIN is active! 15 of our fellow parishioners have gathered around this important ministry. If you have a concern which you feel could be helped by the prayers of this group, call Lynda Hewitt at (860)536-1206, or the Pastor at (860)536-4259 Ext.112. All prayer requests are held in the strictest confidence.

CONTACTING PASTOR ANN

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

Email: ann@mysticucc.org

Pastoral Emergency: (XXX)XXX-XXXX

QUESTIONS ABOUT MCC SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH or MUSIC PROGRAMS: respectively, Genviève Spitalé (Director-Children's Ministries) at genvieve.mysticucc@gmail.com or 860-536-4259 Ext. 119, Pastor Christa Swenson at christa.mysticucc@gmail.com or 860-536-4259 Ext. 120 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.



THINKING of JOINING the CHURCH?



- Sunday, October 29, 2017**—11:30 a.m., MCC Library
Information Session: Theology & Faith Journey
- Sunday, November 12, 2017**—11:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Information Session: History & Tour
- Friday, November 17, 2017** – 5:30 p.m., Schaefer Residence
“Mocktail” Hour for Prospective Members
- Sunday, November 19, 2017**—10:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Reception of New Members

Membership Committee: Nancy McLoughlin, Pam McGee, Sue Barker, Tessa Getchis, Pat Schaefer and Pastor Ann!

RESPONDING to HURRICANES

For those wishing to help relief efforts in the wake of recent hurricanes, the United Church of Christ “[Emergency USA Fund](#)” insures that 100% of the funds received will be used in direct emergency relief efforts. Please make checks payable to Mystic Congregational Church with “Hurricane Relief” in the memo line.

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 Spitalé
- Parish Care Coordinators:Jane Donnel & Karin Stuart
- Nursery:Kathy Graham, Alexis Dempsey
- Flowers:Suzanne Burns
- Hospitality:Carole Callahan
- Deacon:Sue Barker
- Ushers 8:00 am:Steve Piacenza, Laszlo Pozsonyi
- Ushers 10:00 am:John & Debbie Aspinwall, Hank & Pat O'Reilly
- Trustees:Keith Barker, Bob Phillips

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

- Sunday, 10/08**
 - 8:00 & 10:00 am - Worship Services**
 - 9:00 am - Reformation 500th Anniversary Study (Library)
 - 9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 - 9:45 am - Nursery Care (Room 1)
 - 10:15 am - Sunday School
 - 11:00 am - Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
 - 11:00 am - Children's Ministries Committee (Conference Rm)
 - 11:00 am - Children's Ministries Fall Fundraiser I (Parish Hall)
 - 11:30 am - Youth Ministries Committee (Library)
- Monday, 10/09**
 - COLUMBUS DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**
 - Meals on Wheels
 - 6:30-9:00 pm - AA (Parish Hall)
- Tuesday, 10/10**
 - 9:15 am - Women's Fellowship (Parish Hall)
- Wednesday, 10/11**
 - 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
 - 6:00 pm - Trustees (Conference Room)
 - 7:00 pm - Tutoring (Church of the City, New London)
- Thursday, 10/12**
 - 6:00 pm - Bell Choir (Music Room)
 - 7:00 pm - Senior Choir (Music Room)
 - 7:00-9:30 pm - AA (Youth Space)
- Friday, 10/13**
 - Meals on Wheels
- Saturday, 10/14**
 - No Event
- Sunday, 10/15**
 - DEADLINE for the NOVEMBER ISSUE of THE ANCHOR**
 - 8:00 & 10:00 am - Worship Services**
 - 9:00 am - Reformation 500th Anniversary Study (Library)
 - 9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 - 9:45 am - Nursery Care (Room 1)
 - 10:15 am - Sunday School
 - 10:15 am - Confirmation Class (Youth Space)
 - 11:00 am - Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
 - 11:00 am - Children's Ministries Fall Fundraiser II (Parish Hall)
 - 1:00 pm - 40th Annual CROP Walk (St. Mark's Church)

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

October 8, 2017
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. & 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