

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 11, 2018 - 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 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. All children will remain for the whole service today.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

MEDITATION: *Humor has a way of bringing people together. It unites people. In fact, I'm rather serious when I suggest that someone should plant a few whoopee cushions in the United Nations. ~ Ron Dentinger*

***PRELUDE #623**(Blue Hymnal) *Woke Up This Morning* Hot Cat Jazz Band

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 #261 (Blue Hymnal) *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 126)

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

All: Then our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy!

One: Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice!

Unison: Rejoice in the Lord! Let us lift up our laughter and sing praises to God!

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

***OPENING PRAYER** Rev. Christa Swenson

Good and Gracious and Loving God, it is You who puts smiles on our lips and twinkles in our eyes. It is You who puts laughter in our lives and offers saving grace through humor, even at the worst of times. Forgive us when we use humor at the expense of others. Forgive us when we resort to jokes when the situation requires serious compassion. Forgive each and all of our sins and open us up to your Spirit on this special day of worship that we may praise you with hands clapping, voices singing and joy in our hearts. Transform us, we pray, in the name of your son Jesus 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.

CONGREGATIONAL ANTHEM *All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Instruments & Voices

***HYMN #628** (Blue Hymnal) *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN #82** (Blue Hymnal) *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

PROCLAIMING the GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (Pew Bible, N.T. page 180)

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace* Senior Choir

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:2-9 (Pew Bible, N.T. page 44) Rev. Ann Aaberg

REFLECTION "Transformational" Rev. Ann Aaberg

***HYMN** *This Little Light of Mine*

(1) This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine ...

(2) Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine ...

(3) All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine ...

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

CALL to GIVE OUR TITHES and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY #673 (Blue Hymnal) *Down by the Riverside*

***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 #383** (Red Hymnal) *Forward Through the Ages*

***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** (please remain for the Postlude) *When the Saints Go Marching In*

*All who are able, please stand.



Please join us for our Annual All-Church Birthday Party
in the Parish Hall immediately following this service. All are welcome!

Flowers

In memory of Dorothy & George Danforth, 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.



2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS If you have not received your statement, please call the church office at 860-536-4259 who will then alert the Contribution Treasurer.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Join us on **Tuesday, February 13** for an enlightening program led by our own Laura Ross. Speaking on the topic "Home Safety", she will discuss how to make our homes safer, how to avoid falls and how to use simple and easy functional exercises to help increase balance, strength and endurance. A trained physical therapist, Laura has experience and expertise in how to care for ourselves and will guide us through important steps to help keep us safe in our homes. Come for delicious refreshments and warm fellowship at 9:15 a.m. Following the program will be a brief but important business meeting.

The *Diaper Mission* continues. 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 sizes 4, 5, 6 are particularly needed.



Lent 2018

Soul as Soil

Two-part workshop presented by
Kathleen O'Beirne, local gardener, author and soul explorer,
to cultivate and prepare your soul for the journey of Lent.

PART 1: Wednesday, February 21

2:00 PM at First United Methodist Church

– OR –

7:00 PM at Mystic Congregational Church

PART 2: Wednesday, February 28

2:00 PM at First United Methodist Church

– OR –

7:00 PM at Mystic Congregational Church

Transportation available:

Contact by phone 860-536-3394

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am-noon

or by email office@firstumcmystic.org

PANCAKES & PACKING!



You are all invited to our annual
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 to help support our MCC Youth programs.
 Come, eat some pancakes, and make all your Lenten preparations.

February 13, 2018

5:30-7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall
 All donations welcome!

Questions? Contact Pastor Christa at christa@mysticucc.org



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:Genevieve Spitale
 Parish Care Coordinators:Jane Donnel & Karin Stuart
 Nursery:Kathy Graham, Alexis Dempsey
 Flowers:Sue Johnson
 Hospitality:Suzanne Talbot
 Deacon:Don Parker
 Scripture Reader:Jack Leary
 Ushers:Jack Leary & Joanne Lukaszewicz
 Trustees:Jack Leary, Bob Phillips

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, 2/11 HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY
 9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:45 am - Nursery Care (Room 1)
10:00 am - Worship Service (One Service Only)
 11:00 am - Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
11:00 am - All-Church Birthday Party (Parish Hall)

Monday, 2/12 Meals on Wheels
 6:30-9:00 pm - AA (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, 2/13
 9:15 am - Women's Fellowship (Parish Hall)
 5:00-5:45 pm - Lectio Divina (Library)
5:30 pm - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Packing Your Alleluias (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, 2/14 ASH WEDNESDAY
 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
 1:00-3:30 pm - WF Crochet Mission (Library)
 6:00 pm - Trustees (Conference Room)
7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Service
 7:00 pm - Tutoring (Church of the City, New London)

Thursday, 2/15 DEADLINE for MARCH ISSUE of THE ANCHOR
 6:00 pm - Bell Choir (Music Room)
 7:00 pm - Senior Choir (Music Room)
 7:00-9:30 pm - AA (Youth Space)

Friday, 2/16 Meals on Wheels

Saturday, 2/17 No Event

Sunday, 2/18 FIRST SUNDAY in LENT
8:00 & 10:00 am - Worship Services
 9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 9:45 am - Nursery Care (Room 1)
 10:15 am - Sunday School
 11:00 am - Youth Choir (Music Room)

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MYSTIC CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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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*

February 11, 2018
Transfiguration Sunday
Holy Humor 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