

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 3, 2018 - 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. All children will remain for the whole service today.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

MEDITATION: *Like a path through the forest, Sabbath creates a marker for ourselves so, if we are lost, we can find our way back to our center. "Remember the Sabbath" means "Remember that everything you have received is a blessing. Remember to delight in your life, in the fruits of your labor. Remember to stop and give thanks for the wonder of it." Remember, as if we would forget. Indeed, the assumption is that we will forget. And history has proven that, given enough time we will. "Remember the Sabbath" is not simply a life-style suggestion; it is a spiritual precept in most of the world's great spiritual traditions...* ~ Wayne Muller

PRELUDE *Celebration Fanfare (D. Berry)* Bell Choir

GREETINGS and CHURCH LIFE Rev. Jamie Harrison

One: This is the day our God has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #283 (Blue Hymnal, 10:00 am)
Jesus, Stand Among Us

CALL to WORSHIP

One: The sinners, the saints; the broken, the whole,

All: We all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.

One: The doubters, the devout; the wonderers, the wanderers,

All: We all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God's people.

One: The hesitant, the heroic; the grandparents, the little children,

All: We all listen for the songs of joy all creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.

***HYMN #280** (Blue Hymnal) *God Is Here!*

***OPENING PRAYER** Rev. Christa Swenson
Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one more thing. Give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We are hoarding when we could be generous and doubting when we should lean on faith. We are fearful instead of trusting in your everlasting care. Give us again the assurance of your love and care, and fill us with grateful hearts and open hands, as we pray together as Jesus taught, saying ...

***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.

RECEPTION of NEW MEMBERS (10:00 am)
Richard & Lee Ann Stiles
Joseph W. St. Martin

MYSTIC CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COVENANT

(from MCC Bylaws)

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures, and in our purpose to walk in the ways of God, made known or to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all people, exalting the worship of God and working for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the unity of our human family. Depending as did our predecessors on the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the realm of God, and we look with faith for the triumph and righteousness and the life everlasting.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME and AFFIRMATION

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our 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. We are one family in the glory of God.

***HYMN #586** (Blue Hymnal, 10:00 am) *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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 in WORD and SACRAMENT

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 5:6-21 (Pew Bible, O.T. page 162)

INTERLUDE (8:00 am)

ANTHEM (10:00 am) *Draw us in the Spirit's Tether (H. Friedell)*
Senior & Youth Choirs

SCRIPTURE Mark 2:23-3:6 (Pew Bible, N.T. page 36)

COMMUNION REFLECTION "God's Holy Gift"

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 #384 (Blue Hymnal) *Here at Thy Table, Lord*

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

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN #594** (Blue Hymnal) *Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind*

*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 #320** (Blue Hymnal)

***POSTLUDE** *Voluntary on the Doxology (H. Purcell)*

**All who are able, please stand.*



Please join us immediately following the 10:00 am 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.



DEFIBRILLATOR

A cabinet has been installed in the hallway toward the Parish Hall by the elevator. It is well marked and contains an Automated External Defibrillator, which is for emergency use only. Should it be required, phone 911, then open the cabinet (an alarm will sound), unzip the pouch, and the unit will start talking and instructing in its use. It is fully self-explanatory and training is not necessary. There is a telephone in the parish hall kitchen.

ALL-COMMITTEE PLANNING NIGHT The first joint meeting of all Boards and Committees will be held on **Wednesday, June 6, 2018**, at **6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. We will begin with a potluck supper and afterwards committees will convene to elect their respective chairs and set the calendar for the Program Year 2018-2019. All board and committee members (new, continuing, and retiring) are asked to attend this important first meeting. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck supper according to the first letter of your last name. Council will provide iced tea and lemonade will. *A-F: dessert, G-O: main dish, P-Z: salad (or dessert)*

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **June 5** at 10:00 am with Officers and Committee Chairs' Installation and brainstorming session. Lunch will follow at 12:00 noon at the Mason's Island Yacht Club. The cost of the luncheon is \$10 which may be paid at the door. All are welcome. No need to reserve, Questions? Call Nancy McLoughlin at XXX-XXX-XXXX.

LECTIO DIVINA gatherings will resume on Tuesday, September 11. We will then continue to meet every Tuesday at 5:00 pm in the church library. Make plans to come and dive into each week's scriptures. All are welcome. Questions? Please contact Tatia McClintock at XXX-XXX-XXXX or XXXXX@XXX.XXX.

ANYBODY MISSING an SD MEMORY CARD? One has been found in the choir loft. Please contact Keith Barker at XXX-XXX-XXXX.

SUPPORT the CHURCH VIA AmazonSmile Go to www.smile.amazon.com, register your current Amazon account and then select Mystic Congregational Church as the beneficiary. All details of your account will be transferred to AmazonSmile. Then, at absolutely no cost to you, *Amazon will donate 0.5%* of the purchase price of all items to the church. Obviously this is not going to amount to a huge windfall to the church, but many small contributions can add up to further the many good things the church does. More details are on the www.smile.amazon.com website.

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.

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 XXX-XXX-XXXX, or the Pastor at (860)536-4259 Ext.112. All prayer requests are held in the strictest confidence.

CONTACTING PASTOR JAMIE HARRISON

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

Email: jamie@mysticucc.org

Pastoral Emergency: XXX-XXX-XXXX

QUESTIONS ABOUT MCC SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH or MUSIC PROGRAMS:

respectively, Genviève Spitale (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 XXX-XXX-XXXX and XXX-XXX-XXXX or Personnel Committee Member Laurie Alfieri at XXX-XXX-XXXX and 860-XXX-XXXX.



**Mystic Congregational Church
Notice of Special Church Meeting**

Members of the Mystic Congregational Church are hereby called to attend a **special meeting on Candidate Sunday** in the **Sanctuary, 43 East Main Street, on Sunday, June 10, 2018, 10:00 am** Worship & Candidate Sermon followed by **11:00 a.m.** meeting.

The business to come before the meeting will be:

1. To vote on the recommendation of the Pastor Search Committee to call Rev. Christa Dawn Swenson to be our Senior Pastor.
2. Any other business to properly come before this meeting.

Stacey Herrman, Clerk for Church Council

(All children will stay in worship. The nursery will be open and staffed.)

REMINDER:

**JUNE 10 DEADLINE for COMBINED
JULY-AUGUST ANCHOR ISSUE**

June 10, 2018

is the deadline for submitting your articles for the combined Summer issue of *The Anchor* for the months of July and August.

MORNING MINISTRY

Ministers:All Members of the Church
Bridge Pastor:Rev. Dr. James S. Harrison
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
Flowers:Joanne Lukaszewicz
Hospitality:Korean Partnership
Deacon:Pamela McGee
Scripture Reader 8:00 am:Bob Haberman
Scripture Reader 10:00 am:Suzanne Talbot
Ushers:Dave Benvenuti, Bob Haberman, Pam McGee, Suzanne Talbot
Trustees:Jane Fitzpatrick, Walter Grant

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, 6/03 8:00 & 10:00 am - **Worship & Communion Services**
9:45 am - Nursery Care (Room 1)
10:00 am - Reception of New Members
11:00 am - Korean Partnership Presentation (Parish Hall)

Monday, 6/04 Meals on Wheels
11:00 am - Caregivers' Support Group (Library)
6:30-9:00 pm - AA (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, 6/05 10:00 am - Women's Fellowship (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, 6/06 1:00 pm - Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
6:00 pm - **All-Committee Planning Night & Potluck** (P. Hall)
7:00 pm - Tutoring (Church of the City, New London)

Thursday, 6/07 7:00-9:30 pm - AA (Youth Space)

Friday, 6/08 Meals on Wheels

Saturday, 6/09 No Event

Sunday, 6/10 **ANCHOR DEADLINE for COMBINED JULY-AUGUST ISSUE**
9:00 am - Children's Ministries (Room 2)
10:00 am ONLY - **Worship Service**
11:00 am - **Special Congregational Meeting** (Sanctuary)

**Mystic Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**

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**MYSTIC
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

United Church of Christ

Organized in 1852 at Mystic, Connecticut



**June 3, 2018
Communion Sunday
Second 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