

# The ORDER of WORSHIP

June 17, 2018 - 9:00 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. Children ages 4 and older are welcome to the Parish Hall for Summer Sunday School following the Children's Message. All children should be picked up in the Parish Hall following the service. Infant/toddler care: 8:45-10:00 am in Room 1.

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

**MEDITATION:** *If we want to speak of heavenly things, we may begin by speaking about earthly things, and if we want to describe that which is beyond all words, we may begin with words we know such as: man, woman, field, seed, bird, air, bread, sea, fish, joy... The kingdom is like these things; the kingdom is found in these things... If we cannot find the kingdom here we will never find it anywhere, for earth is where the seeds of heaven are sown.*

~Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Seeds of Heaven*

### PRELUDE

#### 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!

#### SUMMER CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

#294 (Blue Hymnal) *Here We Gather as God's People*

#### CALL to WORSHIP

Sydney Swenson-Cardwell

One: Called to be branches in Christ's body,

All: we yearn to be connected to the vine.

One: Called to be mustard bushes offering shade to God's creatures,

All: we search for places to plant the seeds of faith.

One: Called to be growing with God in the midst of this world's painful questions,

All: we seek God's nurturing presence.

\*HYMN #618 (Blue Hymnal) *How Firm a Foundation*

\*OPENING PRAYER (by Sheryl Stewart from *Before the Amen*)

Rev. Christa Swenson

**Almighty God, we have come to this place to find you; yet, you have been beside us all the time. Our prayer, then, does not so much ask for you to be here as it asks you to make our own hearts more aware of you. Creator, make an intentional and worshipful focusing of our minds a more constant discipline in our lives. Timeless as the sunshine, it is so easy to take your love for granted. Fill this moment with awe, loving God of our hope, and let us progress from a reverent hour into continued veneration, from a moment of devotion into a life of prayer. We pray in the name of 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.**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Genviève-Ashley Spitale

\*HYMN #638 (Blue Hymnal) *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

### 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 92 (Pew Bible, O.T. page 548)

### MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:26-34 (Pew Bible, N.T. page 38)

SERMON "Little Things"

### 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 #619 (Blue Hymnal) *My Life Flows On*

\*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

\*All who are able, please stand.



*Please join us immediately following the service for refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome!*



## Flowers

*In loving memory of Bunny & Aggie Evans, from the Evans Family*

## PASTOR JAMIE IS AWAY JULY 03-08, 2018

Emergency pastoral coverage will be provided by:

*Rev. Dr. Kent Richards*

*Pastor of First United Methodist Church, Mystic*

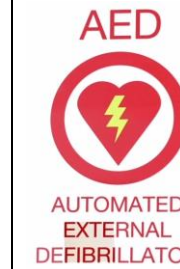
*He may be reached at 860-389-8885*

## 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.

**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.

**SUPPORT the CHURCH VIA AmazonSmile** Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://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](http://www.smile.amazon.com) website.

**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](mailto:jamie@mysticucc.org)

Pastoral Emergency: XXX-XXX-XXXX

### QUESTIONS ABOUT MCC SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH or MUSIC

**PROGRAMS:** respectively, Genviève-Ashley Spitale (Director-Children's Ministries) at [genvieve@mysticucc.org](mailto:genvieve@mysticucc.org) or 860-536-4259 Ext. 119, Pastor Christa Swenson at [christa@mysticucc.org](mailto:christa@mysticucc.org) or 860-536-4259 Ext. 120 or Andrew Howell (Director-Music) at [andrew@mysticucc.org](mailto:andrew@mysticucc.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.



## Summer Single Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.

Please be reminded that our single service at 9:00 a.m.  
beginning June 17, 2018 and every

## SUMMER WORSHIP with FUMC-M

Again this Summer, we will "exchange" houses of worship with the  
First United Methodist Church-Mystic.

**ALL at 9:00 am**

**Sundays, July 8 & September 2**

The people of Mystic Congregational Church will worship  
at FUMC-M with Rev. Dr. Kent Richards preaching.  
*They're at 24 Willow Street (right around the corner)!*

**Sundays, July 29 & August 5**

The people of FUMC-M will worship at MCC

## Office Summer Schedule

The church office will be open

**MONDAYS to WEDNESDAYS**

**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**beginning Monday, June 25, 2018  
through Wednesday, August 22, 2018.**

### 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*  
Guest Organist: ..... *Susan Skogerboe*  
Director of Children's Ministries: ..... *Genevieve-Ashley Spitale*  
Parish Care Coordinators: ..... *Jane Donnel & Karin Stuart*  
Nursery Attendants: ..... *Kathy Graham, Alexis Dempsey*  
Flowers: ..... *Pam McGee*  
Deacon: ..... *Pam McGee*  
Scripture Reader: ..... *Pam McGee*  
Ushers: ..... *Jackie Beckwith, Lynda Hewitt, Ray & Marilyn Thorpe*  
Trustees: ..... *Ted Abbott, Jack Leary*

### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday, 6/17</b>	<b>9:00 am ONLY</b>	<b>- Worship Service</b>
	9:15 am	- Start of Summer Sunday School
Monday, 6/18	Meals on Wheels	
	6:30-9:00 pm	- AA (Parish Hall)
Tuesday, 6/19	7:00 pm	- Shell Club (Library)
Wednesday, 6/20	10:00 am	- Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
Thursday, 6/21	7:00-9:30 pm	- AA (Youth Space)
Friday, 6/22	Meals on Wheels	
Saturday, 6/23	No Event	
<b>Sunday, 6/24</b>	<b>9:00 am ONLY</b>	<b>- Worship Service</b>
	9:00 am	- Blessing of Youth Mission Trippers
	9:15 am	- Summer Sunday School

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# MYSTIC CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*United Church of Christ*

*Organized in 1852 at Mystic, Connecticut*



**June 17, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9:00 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*