

The ORDER of WORSHIP

July 29, 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: *"It is a weak faith that does not trust God in freedom to be working everywhere for the redemption of the world and its people. It can also appear to be arrogant faith because the human being who claims an exclusionary faith necessarily limits God's freedom. What is essential for Christian faith is that we know we have seen the face of God in the face of Jesus Christ. It is not necessary for us to deny that another has seen God in another face at another place or time. Nor is it necessary to deny that such visions may be for faithful practitioners a redeeming and transforming vision."* ~Dr. Joseph Hough, Former President, Union Theological Seminary, NYC

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!

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #294 (Blue Hymnal)

Here We Gather As God's People

CALL to WORSHIP

One: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all that is.

All: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all that will be.

One: Blessed are you, O God, who made us in your image.

All: Let us remember what our God has done! Praise be to God!

***OPENING HYMN SING** *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!*
(Verse 1 of the hymns of your choice)

*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Christa Swenson

Eternal God, your Spirit moved on the waters—and there was light, your first creation. You delight in your creation. You spread your colors of reds and golds, purples and greens for all to see. But we get caught up in speeding through life, looking for quick and easy answers, intent on accomplishing more, yet somehow enjoying less. Open our eyes to the wonder all around. Spin us around to see and appreciate. Let music touch our hearts and laughter fill our souls. Slow us down enough to marvel at the splendor around us and to offer a prayer of thanksgiving. Stir us to be a community of joy, a people of praise, a center of healing, and a gathering committed to your truth, following the example of the one who taught us in praying to say...

*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 #73** (Blue Hymnal) *There's a Wideness In God's Mercy*

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 Isaiah 55:1-11 (Pew Bible, O.T. page 685)

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SCRIPTURE John 14:1-10 (Pew Bible, N.T. page 108)

SERMON "The Christian Life and Our Neighbors of Other Faiths"

Rev. Jamie Harrison

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 #485** (Blue Hymnal) *Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race*

***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**

**All who are able, please stand.*



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



Flowers

*In memory of Marie Kramer, loving wife of Fred
And mother of Julie, Rita, Charlie, Liz and Sarah*

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.

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS The church office will be open Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm **through Wednesday, August 22, 2018.**

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.

BAZAAR SUMMER REMINDERS Now that your zucchinis are becoming overwhelming, think about making batches of zucchini bread and freezing them for the Bazaar. Think about hosting an apple pie-making workshop- you could use the church kitchen. Also, collect acorns, pine cones, and other natural materials to decorate Thanksgiving or Christmas-themed wreaths and centerpieces. Floral table chairs are Karin Stuart (XXX-XXXX) and Diane Davis (XXX-XXXX).

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 (860)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-Ashley Spitale (Director-Children's Ministries) at genieve@mysticucc.org or 860-536-4259 Ext. 119, Pastor Christa Swenson at christa@mysticucc.org or 860-536-4259 Ext. 120 or Andrew Howell (Director-Music) at 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.



REMINDERS

NEXT SUNDAY IS WALK/BIKE/CARPOOL to CHURCH SUNDAY!

So lace up your sneakers! Don your helmet! Call your neighbor!
Save energy and save the planet!

NAME TAG SUNDAY

Getting to know you!

You are encouraged to wear your name tag on the first Sunday of
each month which is now designated as *Name Tag Sunday*.

Call the office if yours is lost or the dog has chewed it!

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

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, TODAY & August 5

The people of FUMC-M will worship at MCC
with Rev. Dr. James Harrison preaching.

Sunday, September 2

The people of Mystic Congregational Church will worship
at FUMC-M with Rev. Dr. Kent Richards preaching

OPEN and AFFIRMING COVENANT

We, the Members of Mystic Congregational Church, in the spirit of our commitment to honor all persons, declare ourselves to be a welcoming, Open and Affirming church. Following the commandment of Christ to love one another and with God's grace, we seek to be a faith community that invites into its midst all persons regardless of opinions, age, race, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, family structure, marital status, economic abilities and conditions, as well as mental, emotional and physical capacities. We welcome all to fully share in the life and leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of participation in our congregation.

This means that you are welcome, no matter who you are, no matter where you are on the journey of life, for each one of you is a beloved child of God, and this household of God was not complete until you arrived.

Adopted on May 22, 2016.

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: *Sue Skogerboe*
Director of Children's Ministries: *Genevieve-Ashley Spitale*
Parish Care Coordinators: *Jane Donnel & Karin Stuart*
Nursery: *Kathy Graham, Alexis Dempsey*
Flowers: *Diane Davis*
Hospitality: *Marybeth Kendle, Joe St. Martin*
Deacon:

Laurel Butler

Scripture Reader: *Richard Stiles*

Ushers: *Laurel Butler, Beth Manning, Lee Ann Stiles, Richard Stiles*

Trustees: *Keith Barker, Walter Grant*

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, 7/29	8:45 am 9:00 am 9:15 am	- Nursery Care (Room 1) - Joint Worship Service with FUMC @ MCC - Summer Sunday School (Parish Hall)
Monday, 7/30	Meals on Wheels 6:30-9:00 pm	- AA (Parish Hall)
Tuesday, 7/31	No Event	
Wednesday, 8/01	2:00 pm 7:00 pm	- Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office) - Council (Library)
Thursday, 8/02	Office Closed 7:00-9:30 pm	- AA (Youth Space)
Friday, 8/03	Office Closed Meals on Wheels	
Saturday, 8/04	No Event	
Sunday, 8/05	8:45 am 9:00 am	- Nursery Care (Room 1) - Worship & Communion Service

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MYSTIC CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

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*

July 29, 2018
Tenth 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

*A special welcome today to our friends from the
First United Methodist Church - Mystic*