

The ORDER of WORSHIP
November 11, 2018 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Welcome! We're glad you're here today! You are invited to return the information card found in the pews 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: *How much should we give? The only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. For only then do we give of ourselves.*

~ William Sloane Coffin

PRELUDE *Andante religioso from Sonata IV (F. Mendelssohn)*

GREETINGS and CHURCH LIFE Rev. Christa Swenson

One: This is the day our God has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GETTING READY for GODLY PLAY (10:00 am) Genviève-Ashley Spitale

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #34 (Red Hymnal, 10:00 am)

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

CALL to WORSHIP

One: Let us praise our God, who made the mountains and the wind.

All: Let us sing to our God, who made the stars and the sun.

One: Let us turn to our God, who made you and me.

All: Let us thank God for all God's goodness.

***OPENING HYMN #609** (Blue Hymnal) *Take My Life*

(Sunday School children are dismissed to their classrooms.)

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of compassion, you love the world with a complete, joyful, and selfless love. You call us to love you and our neighbor in the same way. Teach us to be generous in love and ready to serve. Inspire us to share our talents and time. Help us to live with such passion and purpose, and live with confidence that we have given our best to others in the name of your love. 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.

PROCLAIMING the GOOD NEWS

One: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 17:8-16 (Pew Bible, O.T. page 324)

INTERLUDE (8:00 am)

ANTHEM (10:00 am) *Draw us in the Spirit's tether (H. Friedell)* Senior Choir

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:38-44 (Pew Bible, N.T. page 49)

SERMON "A Dime and a Button" Rev. Christa Swenson

***HYMN #382** (Blue Hymnal) *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

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.

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.

SUNG RESPONSE #259 (Blue Hymnal) *Spirit of the Living God*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

CALL to GIVE OUR TITHES and OFFERINGS

A Moment for Stewardship

Joanne Lukaszewicz (8:00 am)

Frank Davis (10:00 am)

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 #517** (Blue Hymnal) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Tune: Hyfrydol)*

***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** *Fugue in d minor (F. Mendelssohn)*

*All who are able, please stand.



OPEN and AFFIRMING COVENANT

(Adopted on May 22, 2016)

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.

Please join us following the 10:00 am worship service for refreshments and fellowship in our Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Flowers

In loving memory of Aunt Mary Hartman,
from her niece Cynthia Baird Campbell



In this month of Thanksgiving, let's take a moment to reflect on the wonderful gifts God has given us. In addition, let's ask ourselves how should we respond to these gifts? As Christianity teaches us, we become stewards of the gifts God has given. Stewardship provides an opportunity for us to manage our gifts to make the church and the world more like the communities God wants them to be.

Did you know that your pledges and offerings provide all the funding for our church facilities, salaries, and expenses? Just as importantly, did you know that your pledges and resulting offerings help Mystic Congregational Church meet our mission of loving God and our neighbors? Every pledge, no matter what the amount, is important to our church and its mission. The Trustees rely on a committed level of revenue from us in their management of church affairs.

As you receive pledge materials in the mail this week, please prayerfully consider your pledge and complete the pledge card included in the mailing. On Sunday, November 18, pledge cards will be collected during worship services. Thank you for your generosity!

Your Stewardship Committee:

Barbara Heuer, Sue Skogerboe, Tod Schaefer, Bill, Jackson, & Frank Davis

NOTES of PARISH LIFE

CHURCH-GIVING to DATE

As of 11/04/2018, our church has received \$293,428 or 87.0% of the \$337,351 budget for 2018.

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

DO YOU LOVE to SING but can't currently commit to singing every week in the MCC Choir? Join us and our choirs on **Sunday, December 2**, in singing, in our sanctuary, as part of the worship service, the well-known and beloved hymn, "Amazing Grace". We want as many voices as possible for this, so everyone is invited! We will have just two rehearsals (no more than 30 minutes) **on November 18 and 25** immediately following the **11:00 AM** service. Sign up by e-mailing Jim Doherty at XXXXX@XXX.XXX. There will also be a sign-up sheet during fellowship hour in Parish Hall. Hope to see you there!

HABITAT for HUMANITY of Eastern Connecticut is currently in great need of volunteers. Due to insufficient volunteers projects have had to be slowed down substantially leaving future homeowners in unsafe living conditions when they should have already been able to move in. Please help volunteer so that homes can be completed and homeowners can move in. Help is also needed at the ReStores and on Committees to help fund and plan for all projects. To sign up, visit <http://www.habitatct.org/volunteer> or contact mission@habitatct.org today.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP "Thanksgiving for Miracles" Join us on Tuesday, November 13 at 9:15 am as we explore yet another fascinating aspect of our theme for the year, "Planting New Seeds of Hope". We will welcome Beverly Hayes, a friend of our congregation, who will talk about how she came to appreciate and chronicle the little miracles she encounters every day. She will provide us with insight in recognizing the many 'miracles' we experience and to not only acknowledge them but intentionally remember them as positive occurrences in our sometimes hectic lives. Beverly was an actress on several daytime soap operas who, after leaving New York and moving to the area, became the editor and publisher of the bi-weekly "Showcase of Homes" periodical for the past 28 years. Talk about a fascinating bio! Come prepared to share some of your "little miracles" and enjoy good food and warm fellowship. The would be a great time to invite your friends and neighbors to share an uplifting morning.

CONTACTING PASTOR CHRISTA SWENSON

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

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Pastoral Emergency: XXX-XXX-XXXX

COVENANTAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK are for the First Church of Bethlehem UCC, First Congregational Church in Bloomfield, Bolton Congregational Church of the UCC, First Congregational Church – Branford, Olivet Congregational Church UCC (in Bridgeport), 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.

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PARISH CARE CONTACT NUMBERS Co-chair Karin Stuart, XXX-XXX-XXXX (H) or XXX-XXX-XXXX (C); Transportation Coordinator Jane Fitzpatrick, XXX-XXX-XXXX (C); Meal Coordinator Sue Johnson, XXX-XXX-XXXX (H). Please call them if you have any needs.

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.



MORNING MINISTRY

Ministers: *All Members of the Church*
 Senior Pastor: *Rev. Christa D. Swenson*
 Director of Music: *Andrew Howell*
 Director of Children's Ministries: *Genviève-Ashley Spitale*
 Parish Care Coordinators: *Jane Donnel & Karin Stuart*
 Nursery: *Kathy Graham, Haley DelMonaco*
 Flowers: *Pam McGee*
 Deacon: *Dave Benvenuti*
 Scripture Reader 8:00 am: *Richard Stiles*
 Scripture Reader 10:00 am: *Laurel Butler*
 Ushers 8:00 am: *Richard & Lee Ann Stiles*
 Ushers 10:00 am: *Dave Benvenuti, Laurel Butler, Carole Callahan, Joe St. Martin*
 Trustees: *Keith Barker, Walter Grant*

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, 11/11	8:00 & 10:00 am - Worship Services
	9:45 am - Nursery Care (Room 1)
	10:15 am - Sunday School
	11:00 am - Youth Ministries Committee (Conference Room)
	11:00 am - Youth Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	11:00 am - New Members' Facility Tour
	11:15 am - Children's Ministries Committee (Library)
Monday, 11/12	Meals on Wheels
	2:00-4:00 pm - Pastor's Community Office Hours (Bartleby's)
	6:30-9:00 pm - AA (Parish Hall)
Tuesday, 11/13	9:15 am - Women's Fellowship (Parish Hall)
	12:30 pm - Mystic Garden Club (Parish Hall)
	5:00 pm - Lectio Divina (Library)
	6:00 pm - Deacons (Library)
Wednesday, 11/14	10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
	1:00 pm - WF Crochet Crusade (Library)
	6:00 pm - Trustees (Conference Room)
	7:00 pm - Council (Library)
	7:00 pm - Tutoring (Church of the City, New London)
Thursday, 11/15	6:00 pm - Bell Choir (Music Room)
	7:00 pm - Senior Choir (Music Room)
	7:00-9:30 pm - AA (Youth Space)
Friday, 11/16	Meals on Wheels
Saturday, 11/17	No Event
Sunday, 11/18	8:00 & 10:00 am - Worship Services
	9:45 am - Nursery Care (Room 1)
	10:15 am - Sunday School
	11:00 am - Youth Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	11:00-11:30 am - Amazing Grace Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

November 11, 2018
Twenty-fifth 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.
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