



Welcome to a church where everyone matters
and everyone belongs.

Prelude **1/29/17**
Welcome

"Oh Happy Day"
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
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When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
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My sins away! (2x)

Light of Christ

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

Call to Worship/Prayer Hannah Ramsdell

Leader: When we love God by serving others,
People: we fulfill the greatest of the commandments.
Leader: When we share bread with the hungry poor,
People: then light shall break forth like the morning.
Leader: When we bring in those who are cast out,
People: then righteousness shall go before us.
Leader: When we extend mercy,
People: then we receive mercy.
Leader: So, let the one who boasts,
People: boast in the Lord!
Leader: For God is the source of your life, in Christ Jesus.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad!

Leader: Let us pray...

God, who heals, and asks us to heal in your name: In Christ, you showed us a more excellent way, asking us to follow in the way of justice, kindness and humility. We believe the kingdom of heaven belongs to all who work your will. Make pure our hearts, that we might serve others and, thus, see God. Teach us again what is truly pure and noble in your sight. **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** #586 "Living for Jesus"

Children's Message

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

(All children are invited downstairs for Sunday School.)

Anthem "Be Thou Near to Me" D. Clydesdale

Scripture Luke 6:1-16

Sermon Rev. Robin Bird

***Hymn** #114 "Thou Art Worthy" (*sing twice*)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory "Ain't a That Good News" Spiritual

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, through these gifts, enable us to be your justice, kindness and humility in the world – where your realm is made known in love. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** #610 "Living for Jesus"

*Benediction

Postlude "March of the Victorious" Denton

***All who are able are invited to stand.**

**Please join us downstairs after the service
for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.**

Today's Preludes

James Burr, Organist

"In This Sweet Hour"	Rasley
"Sweet Hour of Prayer"	arr. Ashford
"Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls"	Lorenz/Smith
"Fantasia on 'Praise Him! Praise Him'"	Clark/Allen

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Joyce Smith, having tests for an illness; **Dave Oliphant**, Bill's dad, at Hartford Hospital; **Elizabeth Fry**, Joanne Myer's mother, recovering from pneumonia at Vernon Manor; Dave Grigg and family on the loss of his brother, George in Nashville; Shirley Bryant, recovering from a broken hip at Woodlake; Heather L. diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer; Amy Robinson, friend of Millie and Bill Oliphant; Dean Hockenberry, David's uncle, awaiting a new kidney; Evelyn Marinani, Karen Prewo's cousin; Steve Carr, Sr.; Janina Majkowski; James Purnell; Linda Dayton; Sara Levy; Julie, friend of the Turner family; Geraldine Strong; Tim Madigan; Lorraine Grork; Pat Lazeren; Helen Dyar; Helen Dahling; Dave Hollister; John Arthur; Debbie Chase; Dick Myer; Margaret Klukas; Paul Westerberg; people struggling with mental illness, and their families; the people of Syria; Heidi Howie; Mason Bower; Martha Fowler; Michael Bebrin; Cooper Doyle

*New additions in **bold print***

Today's Activities

ANNUAL FISCAL MEETING

in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Worship Service

This Week's Activities

Bible Study: Monday, January 30, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall
Church Governance Committee: Monday, January 30, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall

Haven and Support Group: Monday, January 30, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Ladies Luncheon: Tuesday, January 31, noon, Mitchell's Restaurant

Council: Wednesday, February 1, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Theology on Tap: Thursday, February 2, 6 PM, Mitchell's Restaurant

Sanc. Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, February 2, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

Grief Support Group: Friday, February 3, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

Line Dancing: Friday, February 3, 7-8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Any questions, call Millie Oliphant, 860-872-7106.

Kids' Club: Saturday, February 4, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall

Please Note: Women's Fellowship is volunteering at the Soup Kitchen and needs volunteers. Contact Phyllis Chase, pchase76@comcast.net or Daryl Gottier, edengott@sbcglobal.net.

Substitute Teachers Needed for Sunday School. No need to prepare a lesson. One will be provided for you. Be a part of our team. It's fun! Contact Debi Hockenberry or Millie Oliphant if interested.

A Heartfelt "Thank You" to the Deacons for the beautiful flowers, Women's Fellowship for the gift card, Marilyn Newton for the delicious homemade cookies and to all who sent cards with your very kind words in recognition of my 22 years as your church secretary. It all means more than words can say. Nancy Young

The **Care Network** is offered by the Deacons as a helping hand during difficult times. If you are in need of a ride to church, the doctor, hospital, grocery store, etc., in need of meals or a visit, contact Cheryl Purnell, 860-712-8124 or Sue Pilkons, 860-875-4122.

Child Care is available for church activities when notice is given 3 days prior to the event. Call Child Care Coordinator, Jen Jensen, 860-836-5824.

To request a visit with the pastor, please call the Church Office, 860-875-7580.

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