



Welcome to a church where everyone matters  
and everyone belongs.

## Prelude

3/5/17

## Welcome

*It's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer  
It's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer  
Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, oh Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer  
Not my sister, not my brother, but it's me, oh Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer*

## 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

Leader: God, give us a deep love for you,

People: so that we can see the world as you see it, feel the  
compassion you feel, and be a people whose lives  
mediate your love to others.

Leader: God, open our eyes that we might see what the Good  
Samaritan saw.

People: Grant us the insight to see the need in others, and the  
will and courage to do it.

Leader: Let us pray... **Ever-faithful God, whose being is perfect  
righteousness: reconcile us in your Son with the helpless and  
the needy, with those we would ignore or oppress, and with  
those we have called enemies, that we may serve all people as  
your hands of love, and sit at the feet of those who need our  
compassionate care. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn #600 "Jesu, Jesu"

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

*All are welcome to receive communion.*

## The Invitation

Prayer of Blessing/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.***

## Words of Institution

**We Remember/Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

*(Served in the pew; gluten-free bread is available in the center of each  
serving tray. Please indicate your preference to a Deacon. We will receive  
the elements when all are served.)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

**Generous God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us  
at your table by giving us the presence of Christ. In this  
celebration, let Christ be the center of our lives and the bond  
that binds us to you and to one another, in faith, hope and  
lasting love. Go with us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Children may leave for Sunday School.)*

## Scripture

Luke 10:25-42

## Sermon

Rev. Robin Bird

## Diminish the Light – Lenten Wreath

Rev. Joanne Myer

## Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayer

## Call to Offering

## Offertory

"How Beautiful"

Twila Paris

*Leanne Connolly, Minister of Music*

## \*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

\*Closing Hymn #439 "God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

## \*Benediction

**Postlude** "Built on a Rock" Lindemann/Chesterton

*\*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*

"Footsteps of Jesus"	Everett/Smith
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"	arr. Glyncannon
"I Surrender All"	Weeden/Ritter
"The Way of the Cross Leads Home"	Gabriel/Ritter

### In Our Ongoing Prayers

**Jan Peacock** on the loss of her sister, Geri Eudy; **Ann Garrison and family** on the loss of her son, Craig; **Barbara Grigg and family** on the loss of her mother, Jean Barr; **Mark McPartland and Doug Penhall**, friends of Shar Christman; newborn Dylan Patrick Watkins and his parents Kate and Kevin (grandparents, John and Marlene Bennett); Elizabeth Fry, Joanne Myer's mother; David Drouin, son-in-law of Pam Lyons; Doris Brown; Gregg Moffatt, Val's husband; Shirley Bryant; 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; Pat Lazeren; Helen Dyar; 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***

**Reminder...**Sunday School ends at 11:15 AM, *Debi Hockenberry, Director of Christian Education*

### Today's Activities

**Junior Choir Rehearsal:** 11:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

**God and Family:** 12 PM

**God and Church:** 12 PM

**Guys Afternoon:** 2-4 PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite snack to share and join us for "Cornhole." See Greg Mias for more information.

### This Week's Activities

**Bible Study:** Monday, March 6, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall. Join us for a Lenten

study based on Adam Hamilton's "Final Words."

**Men's Breakfast Group:** Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**AA:** Tuesday, March 7, 7 AM, Kellogg Hall

**Grief Support Group:** Tuesday, March 7, 10:30 AM in Kellogg Hall

**Council:** Tuesday, March 7, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, March 9, 6 PM, Mitchell's Restaurant. Join us for a special Lenten discussion based on John Ortberg's "Who Is This Man?"

**Sanc. Choir Rehearsal:** Thursday, March 9, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Caring & Sharing Support Group:** Friday, March 10, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall. This group is for those further along in their grief journey.

**Les Childs Scholarship:** A full copy of the Hartford Courant opinion piece about Les Childs, referred to this morning, has been placed on the bulletin board opposite the cloak room as you enter Fellowship Hall. Those of you who knew Les will appreciate the memories it evokes. Those of who were not attending FCCV when Les was our Choir Director will understand why this scholarship was established to honor him and why it is appropriate to keep his memory alive through providing opportunities for music education.

**Save the Date!!!** Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament is coming up June 3 at Willow Brook golf course in South Windsor. Please consider how you can be a part of this signature event. There is a need for golfers, of course, and also people to sponsor a hole, a contest and lunch. Donations are needed for raffle prizes and silent auction items. There are lots of ways to get involved! If you have any ideas to help make this year a success, contact a committee member or Michelle Bower (860-872-7274). Help us make this fun fundraiser a success again!

**Please Note:** The Haven and Support Group will not be meeting for several months. This group will become part of the Stephen Ministry.

**Substitute Teachers Needed** for Sunday School. A lesson will be provided for you. Be a part of our team. It's fun! Contact Debi Hockenberry or Millie Oliphant if interested.

**Teddy Bear Ministry:** Teddy Bears are sitting in the pews for you to take and give to someone in need of a bit of caring love. In order to keep this ministry going, we are asking for monetary donations to the Women's Fellowship Teddy Bear Ministry Fund or you may buy a bear (10"-12") and leave it in the Church Office. Contact Joanne Myer at 860-872-9222 or

[jmyer0146@yahoo.com](mailto:jmyer0146@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

**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.

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.

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

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