



Welcome to a church where everyone matters  
and everyone belongs.

**Prelude** **3/12/17**  
**Welcome**

*It's me, it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer  
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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** Delythe Kracke

Leader: Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you:

**People: You are gentle with us as a mother with her children;**

Leader: Often you weep over our sins and our pride:

**People: tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.**

Leader: You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds:

**People: in sickness you nurse us, and feed us.**

Leader: By your dying we are born to new life:

**People: By your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.**

Leader: Let us pray ... **Holy One of mighty power, Your word is  
powerfully dangerous. Your word heals incurable diseases.**

**Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric  
of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your  
word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word  
and wisdom to hear it. In Jesus name, Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn #93 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"**

### 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.***

**Anthem**

Little Bells

*(Steve Westerberg, director)*

*(Children may leave for Sunday School.)*

**Scripture** Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn #259 "Spirit of the Living God" *(sing twice)***

**Diminish the Light – Lenten Wreath** Rev. Stan

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**Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Morning Prayer**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** "What Wondrous Love Is This" M. Hayes

*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**

**We search for your ways, oh God, in the world. We offer these  
gifts because we know that change is possible. We know that  
God's love can work through us transforming and enabling us  
to live in God's way. We offer these gifts for the  
transformation of ourselves and our world for the good of all.  
Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn #323 "Wonderful Words of Life"**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "Wings of Faith" Broughton

*\*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*

"On Wings of Morn"	Nolte
"On Wings of Song"	Mendelssohn
"On Eagle's Wings"	Joncas/Smith
"In the Shadow of His Wings"	Excell/Lorenz

### In Our Ongoing Prayers

The **Chase family (Arnold, Eric, Emily and Phyllis)** on the loss of Debbie; **Janet Boucher** recovering from surgery; **David Nelson** (our former Field Placement Student) and his wife, **Judy** – he is suffering from severe migraines and she is having tests for breast cancer; the **unborn child** of **Steve** and **Leah**, friends of Louise Theriault, who will need surgery upon birth; 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; David Drouin; Doris Brown; Gregg Moffatt; Shirley Bryant; Amy Robinson; Dean Hockenberry awaiting a new kidney; Evelyn Marinani; 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; 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*

**The Sunday School is collecting macaroni and cheese during the month of March.**

### Today's Activities

**The Grounds Committee is selling spring flowers, herbs, and seeds from Flower Power** online to help finance the refurbishment of the Center Road Garden. Catalogs are available in Fellowship Hall at our table or go to our church website and click on the Flower Power link.

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

**Grounds Committee:** 11:30 AM, Conference Room

**God and Family:** 12 PM

**God and Church:** 12 PM

**J\*Walkrz:** 3:30 PM, Upper Room

### This Week's Activities

**Bible Study:** Monday, March 13, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall. Join us for a Lenten study based on Adam Hamilton's "Final Words."

**Ways & Means:** Monday, March 13, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

### April CARILLON Deadline

**Tuesday, March 14**

**Men's Breakfast Group:** Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**AA:** Tuesday, March 14, 7 AM, Kellogg Hall

**Grief Support Group:** Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 AM in Kellogg Hall

**Prayer Shawl:** Tuesday, March 14, 1 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Deacons:** Tuesday, March 14, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Library Committee:** Wednesday, March 15, 1 PM, Library

### Mother/Child Banquet

**Wednesday, March 15**

6 PM in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a pasta dinner

Entertainment provided by the J\*Walkrz

***Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.***

**Finance:** Wednesday, March 15, 7:15 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, March 16, 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 16, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Caring & Sharing Support Group:** Friday, March 17, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall. This group is for those further along in their grief journey.

**Bell Choir Rehearsal:** Saturday, March 18, 9 AM, Kellogg Hall

**J\*Walkrz Jr Fundraising Event:** Are you in need of a new Tote, backpack or duffle bag? For the **next 3 Sundays, the J\*Walkrz Jrs will be selling Totes and bags** from Thirty-One **during Coffee Hour.** J\*Walkrz Jrs, don't forget to sign up to help take orders!

**Evening Circle:** Please drop off your contributions for our Center Road School family to the church by March 14. A box is located in the Church Office. Looking ahead... for April, we are checking into a "paint night." In May we will host "Card Bingo Night" at church. Check your emails for more details or call Millie Oliphant (860-872-7106).

**Scrip-Your-All** sales continue during Coffee Hour. Every card sold helps support our FCCV programs! Gift cards may also be ordered. Don't forget about the instant "Scrip" you can print at home and Scrip Wallet smart phone app options. For more information, stop by the Scrip-Your-All table or contact Kate Fowler (860-614-9747 or [kfowler64@yahoo.com](mailto:kfowler64@yahoo.com)).

**Do you need a Name Tag?** Three options are available - magnet, pin or clip. You can also include a hang tag should you belong to a board/committee. A \$3 to \$5 donation is recommended, but not required. Orders are taken at the Scrip-Your-All table or email Kate Fowler ([kfowler64@yahoo.com](mailto:kfowler64@yahoo.com)).

**Church-Wide Tag Sale, April 29, 9 AM-2 PM:** The J\*Walkrz will once again be running the Tag Sale as a fundraiser for their Summer Mission Trip to Washington DC, so please keep us in mind while doing your Spring cleaning! Items will be collected the week of April 24-28.

**Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt, April 9:** Donations of Easter candy or toys are greatly appreciated. Please give them to any member of the BCE, or Debi Hockenberry. Thank you!

**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!

**Women's Fellowship Retreat, October 13-14:** Mark your calendars. More details to follow. If you would like to help in the planning, please contact Millie Oliphant (860-872-7106 or [millieuconn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:millieuconn@sbcglobal.net)).

**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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