



Welcome to a church where everyone matters  
and everyone belongs.

**Prelude** 4/2/17

**Welcome**

*It's me, it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer  
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** Megan Hasty

Leader: With the pressing crowds, searching for healing and  
hope,

**People: We wish to see Jesus.**

Leader: With the pushed out and cast aside, with the lonely lost,  
stripped of pride,

**People: We wish to see Jesus.**

Leader: With those who seek mystery and meaning, wisdom and  
grace,

**People: We wish to see Jesus**

Leader: Let us pray ... **Lord of the lost, we are quick to judge  
and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than  
ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance,  
forgiveness, and peace. We honor your name for teaching us  
to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love  
itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** #351 "Fill My Cup, Lord"  
**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 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.)*

**Diminish the Light – Lenten Wreath** James Burr

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

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** "Let Us Break Bread Together" C. Courtney

*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** (unison)

**Scripture** Luke 18:31-19:10

**Sermon** Rev. Robin Bird

**\*Closing Hymn** #550 "There's Within My Heart a Melody"

## \*Benediction

**Postlude** "Come, Ye Faithful" Sullivan/Hughes

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

### Today's Preludes

*James Burr, Organist*

"See What His Love Can Do"	Bach/Ritter
"Nearer the Cross"	Knapp/Nolte
"Eye Hath Not Seen"	Gaul/Smith
"Open My Eyes"	Scott/Hughes
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"	Mason/Hegarty

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

### In Our Ongoing Prayers

**Carol Whitney** (health concerns); **Althea Madigan** recovering from surgery; **Helen Dahling**; Karen Prewo on the loss of her second cousin, Evelyn Marinani; Janet Boucher; David and Judy Nelson; 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; Steve Carr, Sr.; 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*

### Today's Activities

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

**Men's Corn Hole:** 2-4 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Calling all J\*Walkrz Jrs! (J\*Walkrz too!)** On Sunday, April 9, we will participate in the Strong Family Farm "Chicken Run" - a 5K Run and 2K Walk that helps support the farm. The farm has given us a special rate of \$7.50 to participate. **A special form is needed to register and may be picked up during Coffee Hour. If you wish to participate, you must**

**sign up by today.** If cost is an issue, we have funds to help, so don't let that stop you from being involved.

### This Week's Activities

**Bible Study:** Monday, April 3, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall. Join us for a Lenten study based on Adam Hamilton's "Final Words."

**Recon Committee:** Monday, April 3, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Men's Breakfast Group:** Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**AA:** Tuesday, April 4, 7 AM, Kellogg Hall

**Grief Group:** Tuesday, April 4, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

**Council:** Wednesday, April 5, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, April 6, 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, April 6, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

**Caring & Sharing Support Group:** Friday, April 7, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

**Missions:** Saturday, April 8, 10 AM, Kellogg Hall

**Sanc. Choir Rehearsal:** Saturday, April 8, 9:30 AM, Sanctuary

**Agape Dinner:** Sunday, April 9, 5 PM, Fellowship Hall

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Sunday, 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!

**Stephen Ministry Classes** begin Monday April 15 at 7 PM and Wednesday, April 17 at 1 PM. If Joanne Myer hasn't already contacted you and you are interested, please call her at 860-872-9222.

**The Sunday School is collecting peanut butter during April.**

**From the Bookworm:** Are you looking for something special to read during Lent? Check out our collection of daily devotional books in the church Library. You can find them under the Dewey decimal numbers in the 242's. Easter movies in the DVD collection are also available. Check them out, they're all here for your use. The books being used for the Lenten Bible Study and Theology on Tap will be available in the Library.

**Save the Date:** Special celebration of 21 years as a Teaching Parish. Join us in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 22 at 6 PM for a Potluck Dinner. Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board.

**The loose offering collected today** is placed in the Deacons' Fund for aid in time of emergency to people within our congregation.

**Heartsaver CPR/AED Classes** will be held at the Public Safety Complex, 280 West Rd. on April 13 and 26, May 11 and June 8 from 6:30-9:30 PM. Cost is \$35 dollars, part of which can be reimbursed by the Parish Nurses. Please contact Delythe Kracke @[delythek@yahoo.com](mailto:delythek@yahoo.com) for more information. You can also register at [learncprvfd@yahoo.com](mailto:learncprvfd@yahoo.com).

**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.

**Evening Circle** is collecting items for a Center Road School family - kids band aids, disinfectant spray or Clorox wipes, hand soap, body wash, shampoo or gift cards (from our Scrip Table) for Stop & Shop, Walmart, etc. Leave them in the large purple bin in the Church Office during the week or on the Scrip Table on Sundays. Thank you.

**Lasagna Dinner:** Friday, April 28, 5-6:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. Menu: meat and veggie lasagnas, garlic bread, salad ice cream cake and beverage. Gluten free available. Adults - \$14, Kids - \$6.

**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.

**Women's Fellowship Retreat, October 13-14** at the Evangelical Christian Center in Ashford. Cost for overnight and meals is \$78. If interested, sign up on the sheet posted on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board. Questions? Contact Millie Oliphant (860-872-7106). Check out the venue at [www.eccministries.org](http://www.eccministries.org).

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

**Teddy Bear Ministry:** Teddy Bears in the pews are for you to take and give to someone in need of caring love. 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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