



Welcome to a church where everyone matters
and everyone belongs.

5/7/17

**Prelude
Welcome**

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart!
Down in my heart! Down in my heart!
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart!
Down in my heart to stay!*

*And I'm so happy, so very happy
That I have the love of Jesus in my heart!
And I'm so happy, so very happy
That I have the love of Jesus in my heart!*

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 Cindy Dubuque

Leader: Day by day, God leads us:

**People: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush
lawns of grace.**

Leader: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**People: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the
stranger with hope.**

Leader: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**People: the community we could be, the people we are called
to become.**

Leader: Let us pray ... **With scripture and water you claim
people as your own, God. Claim us with water and the word,
so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the gift**

**of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in
us, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn #390 "Lord of Our Highest Love!"

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)*

**God our Creator, thank you for the gift of your son Jesus
Christ, whose love pursues us our whole life long. We have
come to the Lord's table, we have eaten the bread of heaven.
We have been transformed so that we can see with Jesus'
eyes, hear with Jesus' ears, speak with Jesus' mouth; so that
we can be the body of Christ in the world, proclaiming the
good news of the kingdom. Amen.**

(Children may leave for Sunday School.)

Scripture Acts 8:26-39

Sermon

Rev. Robin Bird

Sharing of Joys and Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory "Because He Lives" W. Gaither

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*)

Thank you, Risen Christ, for moving the hearts of the people to give of themselves. May our offerings of service and financial support give voice to your work for justice and peace in this world. May we grow more mindful of you through our giving and our living. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** #530 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

***Benediction**

Postlude "Processional" Handel

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

Today's Preludes

James Burr, organist

"Orange Blossoms"	MacMaster
"Spring Nocturne"	Koury
"Sun of My Soul"	arr. Ashford
"Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam"	Excell

In Our Ongoing Prayers

Helen Dahling; Beth Hermann having hip replacement surgery; **Bertha Sullivan** (Sharon Uldrikis' mom); **Daniel Guillemette**; Pat Lazeren; Kathleen Gilbert, family friend of the Cimas, diagnosed with terminal cancer; Carol Whitney; Janet Boucher; David Nelson; Mark McPartland and Doug Penhall, friends of Shar Christman; Elizabeth Fry; David Drouin; Doris Brown; Gregg Moffatt; Shirley Bryant; Amy Robinson; Dean Hockenberry; Steve Carr, Sr.; James Purnell; Sara Levy; Julie, friend of the Turner family; Geraldine Strong; 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*

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

The Flowers on the Marbletop Table are given in memory of my twin sister, Joan Meyer on our birthday from Jean and Bill McDermott.

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

of Christian Education

Today's Activities

Blanket Sunday, Mother's Day, May 14: Purchase a blanket 'in honor' or 'in memory' of a special woman in your life. Just \$5 will purchase a sturdy, wool blanket through Church World Services. These blankets are used in the United States and abroad in times of need and disaster.

Orders will be taken during Coffee Hour today.

Stop by the Board of Missions table during Coffee Hour to learn more about Journey Home. You will have the opportunity to sign up to donate new or gently-used items on the "registry list." We will also gladly accept Script-Your-All gift cards, monetary donations and offers to help deliver the household items.

Scrip-Your-All sales continue during Coffee Hour. We have earned \$1,007 towards our \$5,000 goal for the year – more than 25% of the way there! (Thanksgiving to Christmas has its own goal). If you are not participating, stop by our table to find out what it's all about! Every card sold helps support FCCV programs! In addition to the cards for sale many more can be ordered.

J*Walkrz Jr Fundraising Event: Did you order a new Tote? If so, "THANK YOU!" Your support is greatly appreciated. If you haven't already picked it up, please stop by the Scrip-Your-All table today during Coffee Hour. We also have a few items available for sale at a discount. They make great Mother's Day gifts while helping to support J*Walkrz Jr activities.

Name Tag: 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 contact Kate Fowler at kfowler64@yahoo.

Junior Choir: 11:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

Men's Cornhole: 2-4 PM

This Week's Activities

Bible Study: Monday, May 8, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall. We will begin a new series, "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome.

Ways & Means: Monday, May 8, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Men's Breakfast Group: Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

AA: Tuesday, May 9, 7 AM, Kellogg Hall

Grief Support Group: Tuesday, May 9, 10:30 AM, Library

Prayer Shawl: Tuesday, May 9, 1 PM, Kellogg Hall

Deacons: Tuesday, May 9, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

Theology on Tap: Thursday, May 11, 6 PM, Mitchell's Restaurant

Sanc. Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, May 11, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

Caring & Sharing Group: Friday, May 12, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE...

for Boards and Committees to submit their reports to the Church Office for the **Annual Report** for the Annual Organizational Meeting in June is

Friday, May 12. No exceptions, please.

Missions: Saturday, May 13, 10 AM, Kellogg Hall

Plant Sale: Saturday, May 13

Card Bingo Night: Wednesday, May 17 at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall, sponsored by Women's Fellowship. Try your luck at this fun card game. Each participant is asked to bring 10 dimes and each foursome needs to bring a deck of cards. Join us for an evening of fun and refreshments. Please sign up on the Women's Fellowship bulletin board.

BCE Members Please Note: Our May meeting and time has been changed to **Monday, May 22** at **6:30 PM**.

Heartsaver CPR/AED Classes: May 11 and June 8 from 6:30-9:30 PM at the Public Safety Complex, 280 West Rd. Cost - \$35, part of which can be reimbursed by the Parish Nurses. Please contact Delythe Kracke @delythek@yahoo.com for more information. You can also register at learn CPR vfd@yahoo.com.

9th Annual Golf Tournament, June 3, Willow Brook golf course in South Windsor. 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. Questions? Contact a committee member or Michelle Bower (860-872-7274).

Women's Fellowship Scholarship - a \$500 scholarship available to a church member furthering their education. Applications may be picked up in the Church Office. Please return to the Women's Fellowship mailbox

by May 31.

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.

Check out the beautiful double daffodils in the Angel Garden. You can see them from the back windows in the breezeway.

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.

Teddy Bear Ministry: Teddy Bears in the pews are for you to take and give to someone in need of caring love. Contact Joanne Myer at 860-872-9222 or 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.

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

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