



Welcome to a church where everyone matters  
and everyone belongs.

**Prelude  
Welcome**

**5/14/17**

*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**

Doe Adams

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**People: And hope to every discouraged heart.**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**People: And peace to every conflicted soul.**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**People: And joy to every downcast spirit.**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**People: And love to everyone.**

Leader: Let us sing praises to our God.

**People: Let us offer this light against the darkness.**

Leader: Let us pray ... **Lord of all, in Jesus you have made us all  
sisters and brothers in Christ. There is no distinction between**

**Gentile and Jew. There is no separation that can remove any  
from fellowship in Christ's community. Blind us to our  
differences so that in unity we may proclaim your truth to all,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ in whom there is harmony and  
peace. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** #25 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

*William "Liam" Ryan O'Neill*

**Welcome**

**Questions of the Parents and Sponsors  
Congregational Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: Do you believe in God?

**People: I believe in God.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

**Blessing the Water**

**Act of Baptism - Presentation of the Newly Baptized**

**Prayer for the Baptized**

Leader: ... hear the baptismal prayers of the congregation:

**People: Be with Liam through the years, blessing his life, that  
he may grow in love for you. Gracious God, giver of  
life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each  
of us your faithful love. Remind us of the promises of  
our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us**

**strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Presentation of Gifts**

*We rejoice in the baptism of Liam, son of Lisa and Ryan O'Neill. Welcome  
to his sponsors, Andrea and Seth Walker.*

**\*Hymn** #61 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

**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 "Deep and Wide/Down in My Heart Medley"

*Little Bells – Steve Westerberg, Director*

(All children are invited downstairs for Sunday School.)

**Scripture** Acts 15:1-18

**Sermon** Rev. Robin Bird

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns – Honor/Remember**

"Because You Loved Me" D. Warren

*Leanne Connolly and Joanne Myer – duet*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** "Blessings" L. Story

*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*)

**God, bless these pledges and offerings that they may heal and  
make whole the lives of all your children. And bless those who  
give and those who long to give, that we may become living  
stones of mercy, grace and justice in the house of your  
creation. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** #477 "Pass It On"

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** "Postscript on a Hymn Tune" Martin

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

**Today's Preludes**

*James Burr, organist*

"Finlandia" arr. D. Bish

"Ave Maria" Flotow/Franz/Schubert

"Wedding-Morn" Lemmens

"Meditation on 'Beecher'" Wilson

**Please join us downstairs after the service**

**for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.**

**In Our Ongoing Prayers**

**Gilmay Markunas and family** – her father (Pepé) is in hospice care; Helen Dahling; Beth Hermann; Bertha Sullivan (Sharon Uldrikis' mom); Kathleen Gilbert, family friend of the Cimas, diagnosed with terminal cancer; 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; 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***

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

**Today's Activities**

**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 Scrip-Your-All gift cards, monetary donations and offers to help deliver the household items.

**J\*Walkrz Jrs has Mother's Day Gifts:** We still have a few items from our recent fundraiser available for sale at a discount. They make great last-minute Mother's Day gifts while helping to support J\*Walkrz Jr activities.

**Scrip-Your-All** sales continue during Coffee Hour. To date, we have earned \$1,225 towards our \$5,000 goal for the year. If you are not participating, please stop by to find out what it's all about. Every card sold helps to support FCCV programs! In addition to the gift cards for sale, many more can be ordered.

**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](mailto:kfowler64@yahoo).

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

## This Week's Activities

**Bible Study:** Monday, May 15, 11 AM, Kellogg Hall. We have begun a new series, "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome.

**Stephen Ministry:** Monday, May 15, 7 PM, Kellogg Hall

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>June CARILLON Deadline</b> <b>Tuesday, May 16</b></p>
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**Men's Breakfast Group:** Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 AM, Vernon Diner

**AA:** Tuesday, May 16, 7 AM, Kellogg Hall

**Grief Support Group:** Tuesday, May 16, 10:30 AM, Library

**Library Committee:** Wednesday, May 17, 1 PM, Library

**Stephen Ministry:** Wednesday, May 17, 1 PM, Kellogg Hall

**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.

**Board of Music:** Wednesday, May 17, 7 PM, Conference Room

**Finance:** Wednesday, May 17, 7:15 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Theology on Tap:** Thursday, May 18, 6 PM, Mitchell's Restaurant

**Sanc. Choir Rehearsal:** Thursday, May 18, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Caring & Sharing Group:** Friday, May 19, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

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

**VBS Reminder!** It's time to register for Vacation Bible School. Our deadline is May 31. If you need a registration form, please see Debi Hockenberry.

**Wanted!** People interested in learning how to run our Sound System and/or act as back-up when someone needs to take a 10-minute break. If interested, contact Dave Allen, 860-944-1973 or [dla647@comcast.net](mailto:dla647@comcast.net).

**Teddy Bear Fest,** next Sunday during Coffee Hour. In order to keep this ministry going, we will be accepting monetary donations (please make checks payable to Women's Fellowship with "Teddy Bear Fund" in the memo) or new 10"-12" bears. Thank you to those who have given bears or money to replace those in the pews to be given to people in need of a hug. The bears go far and wide bringing a ministry of hope and love to

people who are hurting.

**The J\*Walkrz would like to thank everyone** who donated items to our Tag Sale. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to earn \$1,282.14 toward our D.C. Mission Trip this summer. God Bless you! Please stay tuned for one more fundraiser toward this trip.

**Calling all J\*Walkrz!** We have planned a trip to Laser Quest in Newington on June 4 at 2 PM. Fee is \$18, which includes 2 games. Ten spots have been saved and 4 are spoken for. Please let Debi Hockenberry know if you'd like to go. Bring a buddy. Friends are welcome!

**Pay It Forward Input Needed:** We are trying something new for the summer. We are asking you to submit organizations that PIF can support. From June through August, we will draw the name of an organization and the following month, someone from the Stewardship Committee will present information on the organization. To make a suggestion, fill out an index card, found in the Narthex and place it in the white box located in the Narthex.

**9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.eccministries.org).

**Heartsaver CPR/AED Classes:** 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](mailto:@delythek@yahoo.com) for more information. You can also register at [learncprvfd@yahoo.com](mailto:learncprvfd@yahoo.com).

**Please Note:** The Parish Nurses will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on October 6.

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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