



Welcome to a church where everyone matters  
and everyone belongs.

**Prelude  
Welcome**

**5/28/17**

*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!  
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That I have the love of Jesus in my heart!*

**Pay It Forward  
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/Invocation** John Koziol

Leader: We shout for joy to God who rides upon the clouds!

**People: We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God, and whose  
abundant blessings provide for all in need!**

Leader: God is Sovereign over the earth, Defender of the  
defenseless, and Parent to orphans; God creates families  
for those who are alone.

**People: God leads captives to freedom and breaks the yoke of  
oppression.**

Leader: God goes forth before the people, bringing forth  
restoration and justice.

**People: Sing praise to God, Rider of the ancient skies, who  
dwells in holiness.**

Leader: Proclaim the power of God!

**People: O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary! You  
give power and strength to your people.**

Leader: Let us pray ... **God Most High, we gather to honor and  
glorify you. Receive our invitation to dwell with us. Enfold us  
in your presence and fill us again with holy awe and mystery.  
We are yours and we claim you as our God. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** #72 "To God Be the Glory"

**Anthem** "Battle Hymn of the Republic" J. W.  
Howe

Patrick Connolly, solo

*Leanne Connolly, Minister of Music*

**Scripture** Galatians 3:1-9; 23-29

**Sermon** Rev. Robin Bird

**\*Hymn** #687 "In Christ There Is No East or West" (vs. 1 and 2)

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

**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.***

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** "They'll Know We Are Christians"  
Dan Cima - guitar

**\*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*)

**Ever-present and loving God, your Word tells us to cast our cares on you because you care for us. In faith and trust we present these gifts, and ourselves, to you. Bless and multiply them to meet the needs, both hidden and apparent, of your beloved ones. Inspire each of us to live as Christ's witnesses, today and ever more. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** #329 "come, Be Glad!" (*vs. 1, 4 and 5*)

**\*Benediction**

**Postludes** "Semper Fidelis March" Sousa

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

**Today's Preludes**

*James Burr, organist*

"O Beautiful May!" Strauss

"Rose Leaf Rag" Joplin

"Heralds of Triumph" Medlock

**In Our Ongoing Prayers**

Sharon Uldrikis and family on the loss of her mother, Bertha Sullivan; Rosemary and Bill Bogard, Cathy Foote's parents; Gilmay Markunas and family – her father (Pepé) is in hospice care; Helen Dahling; Beth Hermann; Kathleen Gilbert, family friend of the Cimas; 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.

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

**Please Note:** Kid's start downstairs today and next Sunday to practice our song for Children's Sunday. **Children's Sunday rehearsal** will be after church next Sunday, June 4. Please allow your child to attend so they

know what they're doing on June 11. Thank you!

**Today's Activities**

**Olive Garden Pasta Dinner Fundraiser**, Sunday, June 11, 5:30-7 PM, Fellowship Hall. The J\*Walkrz will be selling tickets today and next Sunday, June 4 for this fundraiser. Adults, \$12 and kids, \$7 kids. Meal includes a pasta, salad and breadstick dinner. Please support our youth in their mission and enjoy some really great company as well! Our youth will also be **selling Jeff's Kettle Corn** for \$6 a bag or \$30 for a card of 5 bags plus one free (with this option you shop right at the store in Tolland).

**Jr. Choir Rehearsal:** 11:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

**This Week's Activities**

**Memorial Day:** Monday, May 29. The church Office is closed. **Bible Study will not meet.**

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

**AA:** Tuesday, May 30, 7 AM, Kellogg Hall

**Ladies Luncheon:** Tuesday, May 30, noon at Mitchell's

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

**AA:** Thursday, June 1, 7 AM, Kellogg Hall

**Sanc. Choir Rehearsal:** Thursday, June 1, 7:30 PM, Kellogg Hall

**Caring & Sharing Group:** Friday, June 2, 10:30 AM, Kellogg Hall

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

**Kids's Club:** Saturday, June 3, 5-9 PM. This is our final Kid's Club for this school year.

**VBS Reminder!** May 31 is the deadline to register for Vacation Bible School. 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).

**Sunday School Teachers Needed for the Summer:** You can teach a favorite Bible story or a lesson will be written for you. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside Debi Hockenberry's office.

**Greeters and Coffee Hour for next Sunday, June 4:** Women's Fellowship

**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!

**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).

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.

**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.

**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).

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