

UNITED CHURCH ON THE GREEN

In the Heart of New Haven, Open to all Seekers



An Open and Affirming Congregation of
the United Church of Christ



We Gather as Church

*please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Prière à Notre Dame

Léon Boëllmann
(1862 - 1897)

Peace be with you... **and also with you...**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please rise in body or in spirit as our worship begins. A deacon of the church will place the opened Bible on the pulpit, reminding us that the Word of God gathers the church and belongs to all God's people.

***HYMN #83**

God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years

SANDON

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Put away your cares.

All: Put away your anxieties.

Pastor: God has not forsaken us.

All: God has not forgotten us.

Pastor: Could a mother forget the child she has nurtured?

All: Neither will God forget us.

Pastor: We are imprinted on the palms of God's Hands.

All: God is with us.

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GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Revolutionary God, in raising Jesus Christ you loosed great energy, creating a new people who shared common life, witness, prayer and belongings. Yet we confess that we are afraid to risk selves and goods in creating your new world. We are even afraid to pray honestly with one another. God, forgive us. Blow through us with the Spirit of your Christ. Give us new energy to build community, peace and justice on earth. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*** SUNG RESPONSE**

Sing Amen

MASITHI

(Sing a - men:) A - men, we praise your name, O God. (Sing a - men:)
(Ma - si - thi:) A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. (Ma - si - thi:)

A - men, we praise your name, O God. (Sing a - men:) A - men, a - men,
A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. (Ma - si - thi:) A - men, Ba - wo,

a - men, a - men, a - men, we praise your name, O God.
a - men, Ba - wo, a - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa.

We Listen for God's Word

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

from the Acts

Acts 9:36-43

Deacon, Al Forino

Pew Bible New Testament p128

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*All children are invited to come forward to share in the Children's Circle.
Afterwards there is childcare downstairs for ages 5 and under and church school
for kids ages six and above.*

REFLECTION: *The Raising of Tabitha* Bridge Minister Olivia Hayes - Robinson

HYMN #84

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

MARYTON

We Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you... ***And also with you...*** Let us pray...

- A prayer for the well-being of Jeffrey Creavy's friend, Gerald
- A prayer that scientist develop better treatments for asthma
- Those who struggle with mental illness.
- Those suffering from the measles outbreak in Brooklyn, NY
- The people of Highlands Ranch, CO
- Those who are celebrating a birthday this week, including Christine Maursky, Rich Marchesseault + Jean Blue

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Our Father/Mother/God, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Peace be with you... ***And also with you...***

Call to Action

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Witness to Generosity

Erwin Steward

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sonata IV, Andante religioso

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809 - 1847)

***SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

HYMNAL #51

All creatures of our God, now sing

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

LET ALL THINGS THEIR CREATOR BLESS,
AND WORSHIP GOD IN HUMBLENESS,
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

O PRAISE THE ONE WHO GIVES US BIRTH,
REDEEMING, GIVING LIFE ITS WORTH,
O SING PRAISES, O SING PRAISES,
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Steward, Janyss Morse - Blessed and blessing God, we bring you gifts from our hearts and lives. May our gifts be used to bring forth light and life to those whom you call into your family.

ALL: 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.

We Are Sent Out

***HYMN #88**

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

Theodore Dubois
(1837 - 1924)

PLEASE BE SEATED UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE MUSIC

Our Worship Has Ended. Let Our Service Begin!

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Bridge Minister	Rev. Olivia Hayes - Robinson
Deacon	Al Forino
Steward	Janyss Morse
Director of Music & Organist	Caesar Storlazzi
Guest Organist	Paul Thoma
Childcare Provider	Colleen O'Connor
Childcare Provider	She'mone Jenkins
Head Sexton	William Henton
Sexton	Brendan Linehan
Coffee Hour Hosts	Dale Richards, Kristina Zallinger, George Lindsay

THIS WEEK AT UNITED CHURCH

- May 12th:** 10:00AM Worship at United Church
11:30AM Coffee Hour at the Bradley Room
12:30PM Second Worship Service at the Meeting House
12:30PM Yale Humanist Community Meeting at the Parish House
1:30PM Second Service Committee Meeting at the Meeting House
1:30PM Sunrise New Haven at the Parish House
4:00PM Mozart for Mother's Day at Bethesda Lutheran
4:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) at the Parish House
5:00PM Shalom Congregation Worship and Potluck at Parish House
- May 13th:** 12Noon AA at the Meeting House
- May 14th:** 12Noon Staff Meeting at the Parish House
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7:00PM Stewards Meeting at the Parish House
- May 15th:** 12Noon AA at the Meeting House
6:30PM NA Speakers Group at the Parish House
- May 16th:** 10:00AM Five for Five Crafts Group at the Parish House
12Noon AA at the Meeting House
6:30PM New Generation NA at the Parish House
7:30PM UCG Choir Rehearsal at the Meeting House
- May 17th:** 12Noon AA at the Meeting House
7:00PM Pride Prom at the Parish House
- May 18th:** 6:00PM Private Party at the Parish House

CHURCH NOTES

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Dry Pasta - Food Donation of the Month Please bring in your food offering on Sunday, or drop it off at the Parish House during business hours. **In April + May, we are collecting: Dry Pasta.**

Mozart at Bethesda Church, 4pm. This afternoon at 4pm at Bethesda Lutheran Church, members of the United Church Choir will join with the members of the choirs of First Presbyterian Church and Bethesda Lutheran Church under the baton of Stephen Gamboa-Diaz, the music director at Bethesda. This closing concert in the Bethesda music concert series will feature the music of Mozart and the major work performed will be the *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*. The concert is free and open to the public. Our choir is off this morning so that they can save their voices for the afternoon concert. Hope to see you there!

At United Church on the Green, we seek to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, following in the footsteps of Jesus. We are also a progressive Protestant Christian church, a member of the nationwide United Church of Christ (UCC).

We have a long history.

- Established 1742. Meetinghouse was built in 1815.
- The Amistad Incident? Abolition of slavery? The 1970 Black Panther trials? Divestment in South Africa? United was there.

We believe God is still speaking to the world today... and we're trying to listen.

- Not a "The Bible says it. I believe it. That settles it." kind of church. Questions encouraged. (Actually, they're necessary.)
- "Open and Affirming" of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people since 1989.

We are working with God to build a better future.

- Not interested in "saving souls" or "converting the heathen." God's love is for all.
- Trying to "connect the dots" to grow peace, justice, and compassion in the world.

Staff Contacts

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