

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

Homage to Persichetti

Janet M. Correll
(b. 1942)

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

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Bonnie Scott

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 #354** *Lord, We Would Be Instruments of Loving Service* GOLDBERG

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Our souls are created to be God's dwelling place, and the dwelling place of the soul is God.

All: As we worship, we experience the God who dwells in us. Through our worship, we dwell in God.

Pastor: As we make the Holy One our dwelling place, no evil shall overtake us. "God is my refuge and fortress in whom I trust."

All: Through our worship, we love the God who dwells in us, and in whom we dwell. God is our refuge and our home.

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O God, when all manner of things have not gone well with us, instead of following where you lead, at times we follow a tempter who shows us a vision of the world that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us.

At times, O God, we are deceived and enticed by imitations of love, abundance, and joy.

O God, when you have not answered in the ways or in the time we desire, we have been tempted to lean on our own understanding and not acknowledge you in all ways.

We so often have sought to control our lives and order our own steps, often ignoring you and pushing you aside.

Help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us.

Help us to rest in your promise to never leave us or forsake us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* 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.

Welcoming New Members

United Church welcomes our New Members! Please join Pastor Bonnie and the Deacons, as we celebrate with the new members of our United family. **Please welcome Bryan Bower, Maria Chen, Cindy Du, Demar Lewis, IV, Christine Maursky + Mary Taylor.**

New Members Liturgy

(Candidates come forward)

Minister: We invite those who wish to unite in this household of faith to come forward. Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church; all those who have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ. They have been led by the Holy Spirit to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of this church. They are here for service to you using the gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

Minister: *(To the New Members)* Do you promise according to the grace given you, to grow in your faith and to be faithful members of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in the world?

CANDIDATES: I will, with the help of God.

Minister: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves the community and the world?

CANDIDATES: I will, with the help of God.

PASTOR: Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

ALL: *(Please rise, if able)* Let us, the members of the United Church on the Green, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ. We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of this church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love and knowledge and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

DEACON: On behalf of the United Church on the Green we extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of this local church.

PASTOR: Go in the peace of Christ.

We Listen for God's Word

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

From the Gospels

Luke 5: 1-11

Deacon, Ron Munson

New Testament p62

Giving of the Bibles

We are giving bibles to four of our youths today:
Catherine, Josiah, MacKenzie and Maya

ANTHEM

God Who Fills The Universe

Ed Thompson

God who fills the universe from the atom to the stars,
Make firm my changeful heart so I may do my part
And bring joy to all the earth.

God who webs the universe with amazing mysteries,
Make glad my fragile soul so I can see life whole
And bring hope to all on earth.

God who keeps the universe by the truths of living love,
Make strong that love in me so I can set it free
And bring peace to all the earth.

REFLECTION

Transitional Senior Minister Rev Dr Bonnie Scott

MUSICAL REFLECTION

We Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev Dr Bonnie Scott

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

- Prayers for Ruth Anne Olson and Carol Gjellstad recovering at home, for Larry Firrantello going in for knee surgery, and prayers for Christiania Alkire.
- Those who have a birthday this week including Josiah Alkire, Sexton Brendan Linehan, MacKenzie Maursky + Nadine Ruff

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Centering

Alice Parker
(b. 1925)

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a space for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is room to spare!

***SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;
PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW;
PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST:
CREATOR, CHRIST, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Steward, Shelley White: God carries us within God’s own self in love, and labors until full term, then suffers the sharpest throes and the hardest pains that ever were or ever shall be.

Thank you, O God, for loving us and laboring with us as we seek you and as we help others in their seeking. Bless these offerings which we return to you, that in our seeking and our serving, our light might illumine someone’s path. Guide us in your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest your presence in the world in all that we do.

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 #473**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL’S STORY

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Rev. Dr. Bonnie Scott

POSTLUDE

Neumeister Chorale

J. S. Bach
(1685—1750)

PLEASE BE SEATED UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE MUSIC

Our Worship Has Ended. Let Our Service Begin!

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Transitional Senior Pastor	Rev. Dr. Bonnie Scott
Deacon	Ron Munson
Steward	Shelley White
Director of Music	Caesar Storlazzi
United Church Choir	
Church School Teacher	Betty Baisden
Childcare Provider	Colleen O'Connor
Childcare Provider	She'mone Jenkins
Head Sexton	William Henton
Sexton	Brendan Linehan
Coffee Hour Hosts	Mackenzie Maursky + George C Lindsay

THIS WEEK AT UNITED CHURCH

- Feb 10th:** 10:00AM Worship at United Church
11:30AM Coffee Hour in 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 in the Bradley Room
4:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) at the Parish House
5:00PM Shalom Congregation Worship and Potluck at Parish House
5:30PM Pot Luck Dinner at UCG in the Bradley Room
- Feb 11th:** 12Noon AA at the Meeting House
7:30PM Adult Faith Formation at the Parish House
- Feb 12th:** 12Noon AA at the Meeting House
12Noon Staff Meeting at the Parish House
7:00PM Stewards Meeting at the Parish House
- Feb 13th:** 12Noon AA at the Meeting House
6:30PM NA Speakers Group Meeting at the Parish House
- Feb 14th:** 12Noon AA at the Meeting House
7:30PM New Generation NA at the Parish House
7:30PM UCG Choir Rehearsal at the Meeting House
- Feb 15th:** 12Noon AA at the Meeting House
6:00PM YHHAP Soup Kitchen at the Parish House
- Feb 16th:** 5:00PM YHHAP Soup Kitchen at the Parish House

CHURCH NOTES

Pastor Bonnie's Contact Information and Office Hours

Mondays: Sermon Drafting

Tuesdays: Office Hours

Wednesdays + Thursdays: Pastoral Calls and Visitation

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Pastor Bonnie's Sermon Discussion Series: If you are interested in this Series, please contact the Pastor by phone or by email, so she can add you to the group. On Mondays, the Pastor will email the upcoming Sunday's scripture to the group. The group can then respond and join in the discussion by email.

Upcoming Surgery? New Baby or Grandchild? Moving? Death in the Family? If you've had a recent major life change, please contact the Pastor so that she can contact you and your family and provide appropriate Pastoral Care.

Jelly - 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 February + March, we are collecting: Jelly.**

MEET OUR BRIDGE PASTOR!

We are delighted to announce that the Rev. Olivia Hayes-Robinson has agreed to serve as our Bridge Pastor after Pastor Bonnie leaves us. Her term of service will begin May 5 and continue until we welcome our new settled pastor in September. Rev. Hayes-Robinson retired in December as Senior Pastor of Kensington UCC after over 40 years as a UCC ordained minister. She has held positions as settled pastor, interim, and has served as Chaplain and pastor at York Correctional Institution in Niantic. She was seeking a short-term part-time position near her Branford home. United was seeking a short-term part-time pastor to help us bridge the gap between Rev. Dr. Bonnie Scott's departure and the arrival of our new settled pastor. I won't detail here all the synchronicities that have emerged since I walked into a housewarming on a recent Friday night to unexpectedly encounter her. Suffice it to say that the hand of God brought us together with a firm hand. And we listened.

Rev. Hayes-Robinson has also agreed to preach at United on February 24th, when Pastor Bonnie will be recovering from surgery. We hope you will come and meet her!

Kathryn Thomas, Senior Deacon

The Potlucks are Back! Come join us for continuing fellowship on Sunday February 10, 2019 (today) at 5:30PM. Bring a dish to share - or if you have nothing just bring yourself.

We will be reading Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth by Reza Aslan for our Lenten Study series. It is a fascinating book. We have ordered them in the church office. They are paperback and cost \$10.00. Let us know if you'd like us to order you one. **Pastor Bonnie and Jon Blue will be leading the discussion at our second hour starting March 3.**

Abraham's Tent is an outreach program of Columbus House. This program provides shelter and meals for twelve houseless men. This frees up beds during the winter. Each host provides hospitality for one week. The host site will provide breakfast, supper, and sleeping quarters. **This year United Church on the Green has partnered with B'nai Jacob. Our week is March 4th-March 11th.**The Bradley Room will serve as the accommodations. There are many opportunities to contribute: breakfast, supper, overnight, hospitality, pantry donations, prayer, and/or a smile. **If interested please contact Lisa Koskelowski, Angelyn Singer, or Jeff Hopper.**

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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Betty Baisden, *director of the nursery school*
Jack Russell, *director of operations*
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