

# 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

*We gather this week via Zoom videoconference.  
Though we are apart in body, we are close in spirit.*

*Zoom link (for use from computer, tablet, or smartphone):*

<https://zoom.us/j/7934221945>

*Dial-in number (for use from landline telephone): 646-876-9923*

*Meeting ID: 793 422 1945*

### PRELUDE

Caesar Storlazzi, piano

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

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### HYMN

*My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

### RESIGNATION



1. My Shep-herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name;  
2. When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;  
3. Your sure pro - vi - sions, gra - cious God, at - tend me all my days;

in pas-tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalms 91 (adap.)*

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."

**Many: For God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence;  
God will cover you with her pinions,  
and under her wings you will find refuge;  
God's faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

One: You will not fear the terror of the night,  
or the arrow that flies by day,  
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

**Many: For God will command the angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

One: Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.

Many: **When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honor them.  
With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

## GATHERING PRAYER

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

## We Listen for God's Word

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## ANTHEM

Caesar Storlazzi, piano

## READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

*from the Prophets*  
*from the Gospels*

**Isaiah 58:6-12**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**

## REFLECTION

Rev. Jocelyn Gardner Spencer

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

## We Respond

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

- For those celebrating a birthday this week, including Edwin Yupa, Emily Bett + Leslie French
- For all who are ill, and for those who care for them, that they might find healing and wholeness.
- For all who are afraid, anxious, depressed, or isolated during this time of social distancing.
- For the leaders of our nation and every nation, that they might do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

### **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**

#### **OFFERING OUR RESOURCES AND OURSELVES**

*In anxious times like these, the work and word of the church is all the more important. Please help United continue to offer life-giving ministry, including spiritual and tangible responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, by giving online through our secure website at <http://unitednewhaven.org/support-our-church>.*

*Practicing social distancing does not mean we can't continue to share love in our community. This week, we invite you to take a moment to write a thank you message to our public health officials and city leaders, who are working so hard to care for our New Haven community in this time. Email your encouragement to Public Health Director Maritza Bond at [MBond@newhavenct.gov](mailto:MBond@newhavenct.gov).*

### **OFFERTORY**

Caesar Storlazzi, piano

## 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

One: Blessed and blessing God, we bring you gifts from our hearts and lives. Turn these dollars and cents into ministry and miracles, signs of your loving and powerful presence in our midst.

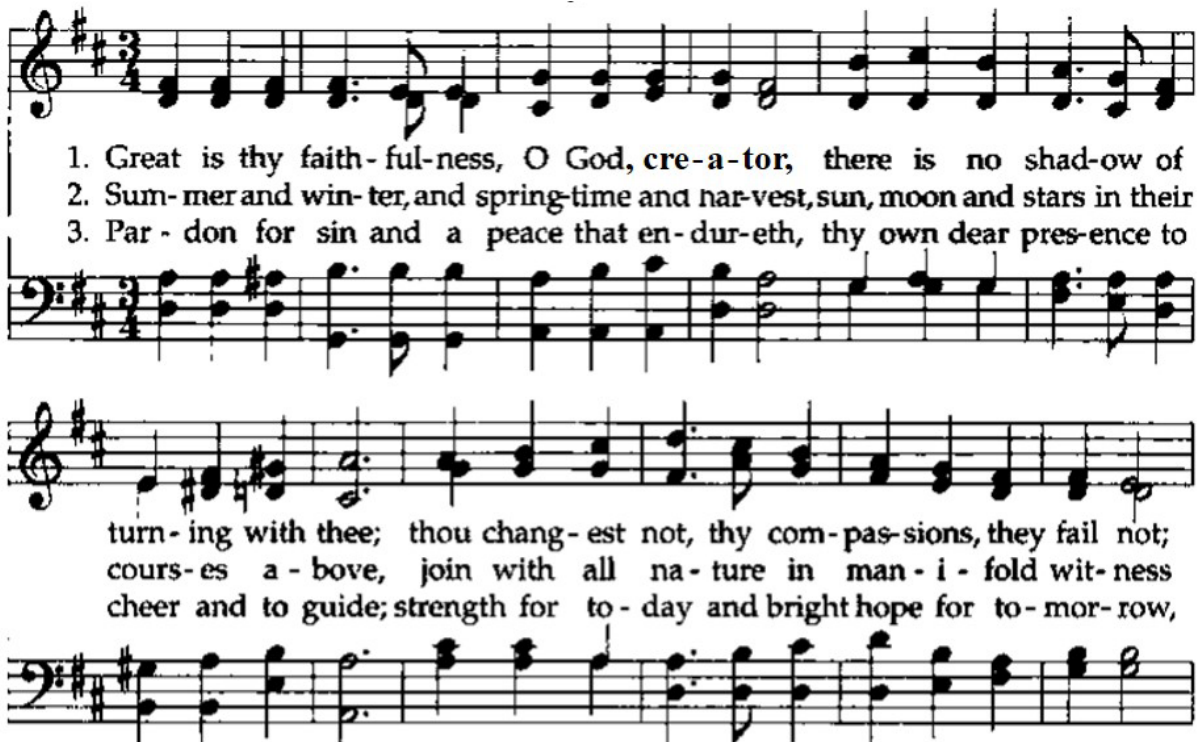
All: And bless those who give and those who long to give, that we may become living stones of mercy, grace, and justice in the house of your creation. Amen.

## We Are Sent Out

## HYMN

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS



1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God, cre-a-tor, there is no shad-ow of  
2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;  
cours-es a - bove, join with all na-ture in man - i - fold wit-ness  
cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

*Refrain*

as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!  
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love. bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!  
 Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have  
 need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

Caesar Storlazzi, piano

**PLEASE BE SEATED UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE MUSIC**

Our Worship Has Ended. Let Our Service Begin!

## **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Pastor**

Rev. Jocelyn Gardner Spencer

**Director of Music**

Caesar Storlazzi

**Head Sexton**

William Henton

**Sexton**

Brendan Linehan

## **THIS WEEK AT UNITED CHURCH**

Mar 22nd: 10:00AM Worship at United Church – Online

5:00PM Shalom UCC Worship – Online

Mar 24th: 12:00PM Staff Meeting – Online

## **CHURCH NOTES**

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### **In Person Meetings at the Church Have Been Suspended**

As per direction of the New Haven Health Department, the Mayor's Office and the Governor's Office, United will be suspending in person meetings and gatherings until further notice. We will be worshiping and gathering online, so that we can keep in touch, keep each other safe and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Pastor and the staff are reachable by email and phone message. Please reach out to us with any concerns. We will reach out to you with information on upcoming online worship services and events.

Unfortunately, we've had to cancel the Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings held at the church. To find an online meeting, go to: [www.onlinegroupaa.org](http://www.onlinegroupaa.org).

Please continue to maintain social distance and to wash and/or sanitize your hands. We will continue to lift each other in prayer.



**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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