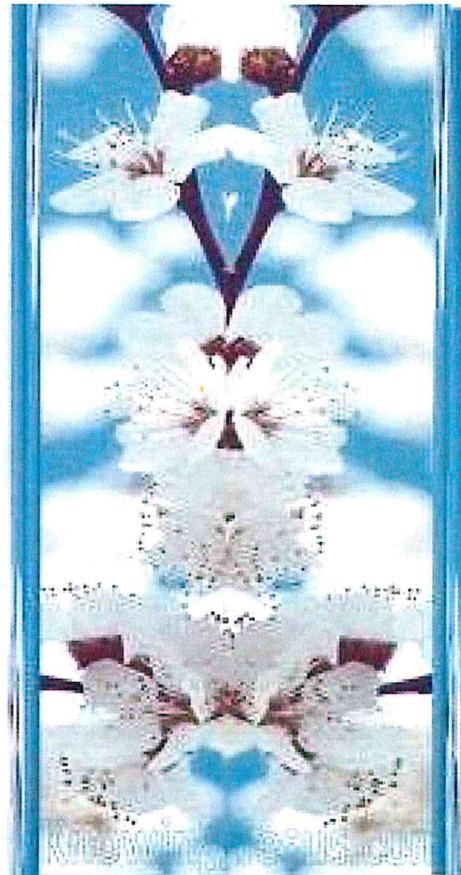




*An Open and Affirming Congregation of
The United Church of Christ*

I know that
You can do
**ALL
THINGS**

Job 42:2



**Order of Worship for
AUGUST 15, 2021, 10:00am**

*Welcome to IN-PERSON and Online Worship at Center Church!
We are delighted that you are here today.*

*Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices
before the service of Worship begins.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE:

The Music Box

*E. Solomon
Alicia Akers, Flute Solo*

WELCOME to Center Church!

Rev. Bill Warner-Prouty

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;**

Leader: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

**People: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, And crowned them with
glory and honor.**

*Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; You have put all
things under their feet*

People: all sheep and oxen,

Leader: and also the beasts of the field,

People: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

Leader: whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic if your name in all the earth!

(from Psalm 8, NRSV)

INVOCATION

Rev. Bill Warner-Prouty

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer comes, and who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication, deliver us, when we draw nigh to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

OPENING HYMN:

NCH 277 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

NICAEA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE: *If attending in person, please stay in your pews and wave*

SCRIPTURE: JOB 1:1/38:1-7/42:1-6 (NRSV)

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil....

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge”

Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

”Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

Or who laid its cornerstone

When the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?”...

Then Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,

And that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

...Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,

Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

...I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,

But now my eye sees you;

therefore I despise myself,

and repent in dust and ashes.”

SERMON: “Job and Us”

Rev. Bill Warner-Prouty

MUSICAL RESPONSE:

Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring

J.S. Bach

Alicia Akers, Flute Solo

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (DEBTS)

CLOSING HYMN:

“Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

BENEDICTION

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen...and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:8, NRSV)

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

Bob Gilbert, Organist

***Our thanks to everyone who created today's service.
Go in peace!***

Worshippers at the Meeting House:

- Are required to wear masks, even while singing
 - Must maintain social distance protocols
- Will not leave their pews during Passing the Peace of Christ
- Can wave or use another non-physical gesture to Pass the Peace

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CENTER CHURCH. Whether you are joining us in-person or virtually, we are glad you are here with us for this service of worship and the fellowship of this congregation. We hope that you will be both comforted and challenged by the Word of God for us today. If you are new to our community, we hope you will consider making this your church home. Any of our worship leaders or ushers will be able to help with your questions. If you are already a member, be sure to extend a friendly greeting to those around you, starting with someone you don't know...yet.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE ~ PLEASE REQUEST FROM AN USHER.

IN CASE OF FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCY

Exit swiftly by the nearest safe door - two exits are located near the pulpit, and three exits are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Help people around you who may have children or mobility challenges.

Call 911. Don't assume someone else has already done so!

Move to the Church House (corner of Gold & Lewis), so we can be sure everyone is accounted for.

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we praise your maj - es - ty.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your glo - ry may not see,
 All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

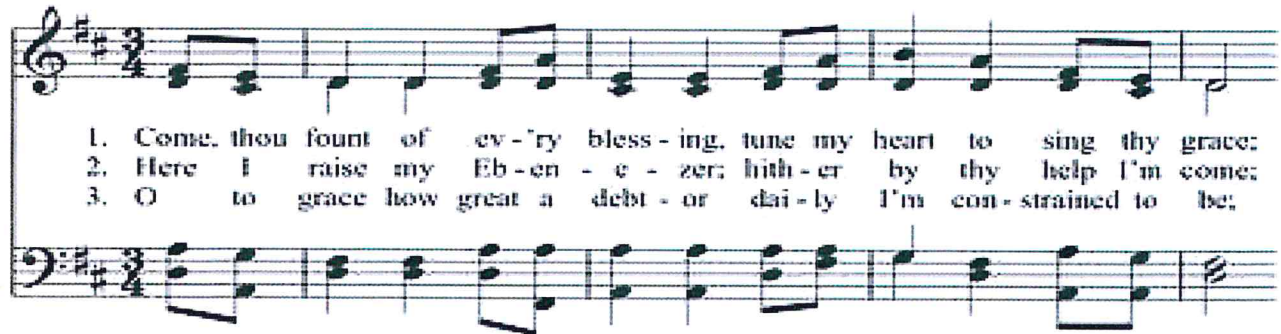
Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim bow be - fore you on - ly,
 You a - lone are ho - ly, you a - lone are wor - thy,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

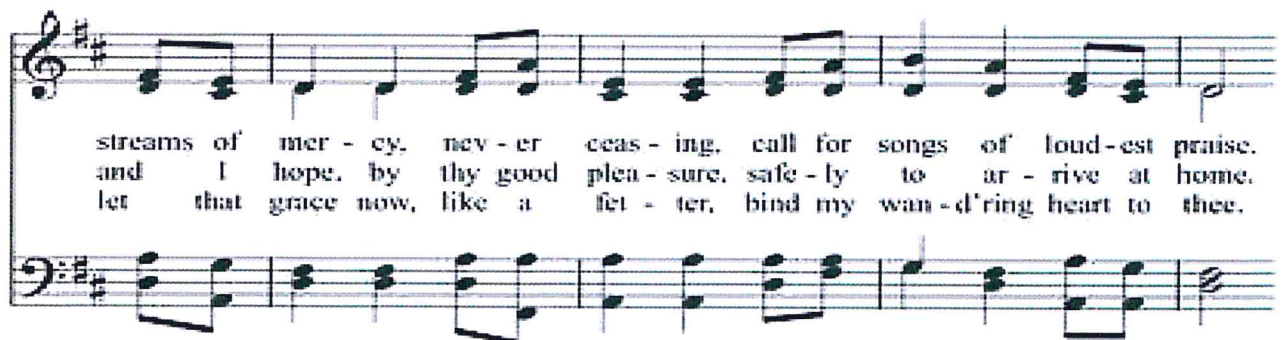
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 From the be - gin - ning, God e - ter - nal - ly.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing


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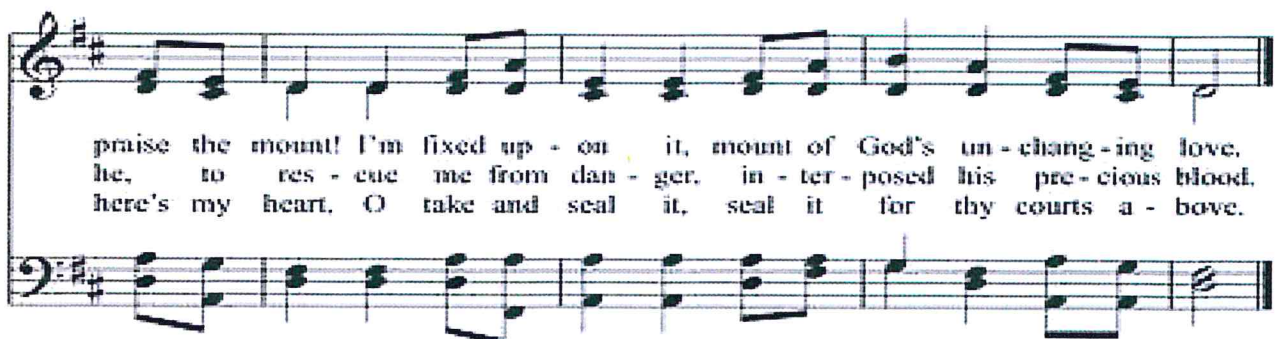
1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise,
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home,
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love;




praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love,
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood,
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING Congregation. "We include into full participation in the life of this church persons of any age, race, economic status, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and physical, emotional and mental capacity" (from the statement adopted October 23, 1994.) In recognition of the richness of backgrounds of our congregation, a **DIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES** will find expression in our worship services. Center Church offers an **OPEN COMMUNION**. Adults and children from all religious backgrounds are invited to partake. **TEXT ALERTS** To receive text alerts regarding church activities and cancellations, please text the word CENTER to (860) 300-3697. (Message and data rates may apply according to your data plan.)

FACEBOOK LIVE We livestream our worship services on Facebook each week, and your presence here constitutes your permission for your image to be shown. If you prefer not to be seen, speak with the minister or whoever is operating the phone up front to determine where a good seat might be to avoid the camera. Our viewership is growing and we are excited to welcome a congregation in cyberspace!

FREE PARKING is available during Sunday Worship Services at the Travelers Plaza Garage off Prospect Street (next to the Hartford Club.) The garage closes at 1:00pm (12:00pm during Summer services). On-street parking is also available on Gold Street and on the west side of Lewis Street, and is FREE on Sundays.

REST ROOMS are located in the basement of the Meeting House. Please use the stairs in the southeast corner of the building. For safety, please have an adult accompany your child to the restroom.

CHURCH SCHOOL is held at the Church House (60 Gold Street) for preschool to 12th Grade. Children are to remain with their families in the Meeting House during worship until they depart for Church School following the Children's Moment. Please pick your child up promptly at 12:00pm. For their safety, children will remain with their Church School instructor until an adult picks them up. Church School is not held during the Summer.

CHILDCARE and NURSERY care are provided by trained, capable, and nurturing staff and volunteers, and is available in the Meeting House basement for infants and toddlers (up to two years of age.) A nursery without staff is also located on the second floor of the Church House.

CURRENT SUNDAY ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES Announcements regarding Adult Education classes are announced in our publications.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS to the sanctuary is via the lift outside at the south end of the portico. If possible, please call the church office in advance for assistance in using the lift.

Please feel free to confer with a minister regarding our **INQUIRER'S CLASSES** for **POTENTIAL MEMBERS, BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS** or **COMMITMENT CEREMONIES**. The latest issue of **CENTER CHURCH E-NEWS** is available on our church website. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please contact us at info@cchartford.org / 860-249-5631.