



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



**Order of Worship for  
November 7, 2021, 10:30am**

**Welcome to Worship at Center Church!  
We are delighted that you are with us today.**

## CHIMES

**PIANO PRELUDE:** “Let Us Break Bread Together”

*Spiritual  
David Reynolds, Piano*

**WELCOME to Center Church!**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: We come to worship alone: hoping for company,  
seeking companionship, ready to be neighbors with all.*

**Many: *In this place, we are a community.***

***In this place, we join a great cloud of witnesses.***

*One: We come to worship afraid: hoping for assurance,  
seeking more than platitudes, ready for a sign of God's presence.*

**Many: *In this place, we know our pains are real.***

***In this place, we know that God is here.***

*One: We come to worship hungry: hoping for a taste,  
seeking to be filled, ready to feast on the Good News of God's justice!*

**Many: *In this place, we want all to be fed.***

***In this place, we worship the God who wants this too!***

## INVOCATION

*Rev. Emma Brewer-Wallin*

## GROWING AS A SPIRITUALLY VIBRANT FAITH COMMUNITY

I would like help with being able to set aside some of the other stuff in my life so I can experience God's purpose, presence and power.

**OPENING HYMN:** “When the Saints Go Marching In”

*Traditional  
Terrence French, Trumpet and David Reynolds, Piano*

Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the drums begin to bang  
Oh, when the drums begin to bang  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the stars fall from the sky  
Oh, when the stars fall from the sky

Oh Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call  
Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

*Anita Hawkins, Rev. Craig Cowing*

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

If attending in person, we encourage you to greet each other with limited physical contact, e.g., verbally or by waving

### **ANTHEM: “How Beautiful”**

*Twila Paris  
Center Church Choir*

### **SCRIPTURE: 1 KINGS 17:8-16 (NRSV)**

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

### **SERMON: “Test of Faithfulness”**

*Rev. Emma Brewer-Wallin*

### **MUSICAL RESPONSE: “Lead Us From Death To Life”**

*Marty Haugen  
Center Church Choir*

*Refrain:*

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth  
from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace;  
let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,  
let peace fill our universe.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### COMMUNION LITURGY

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Good and gracious God, thank you for sustaining us through the simple gifts of something to eat and something to drink. Thank you for giving us to one another, that we may serve and be served in community. May the power of your presence in this meal sustain us for the work of loving our neighbors and loving you. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PASTORAL PRAYER

*Rev. Emma Brewer-Wallin*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

### CLOSING HYMN: "Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

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### BENEDICTION

### ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata"

*H. Schroeder  
Bob Gilbert, Organist*

## Lead On Eternal Sovereign

*Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887; alt.*

1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;  
 2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,  
 3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:  
 for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:  
 and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;

Through prayer-ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,  
 That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,  
 Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,

to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.  
 our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.  
 to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

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**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!

### **Church Information for when our buildings are open -**

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@cchartford.org) / 860-249-5631