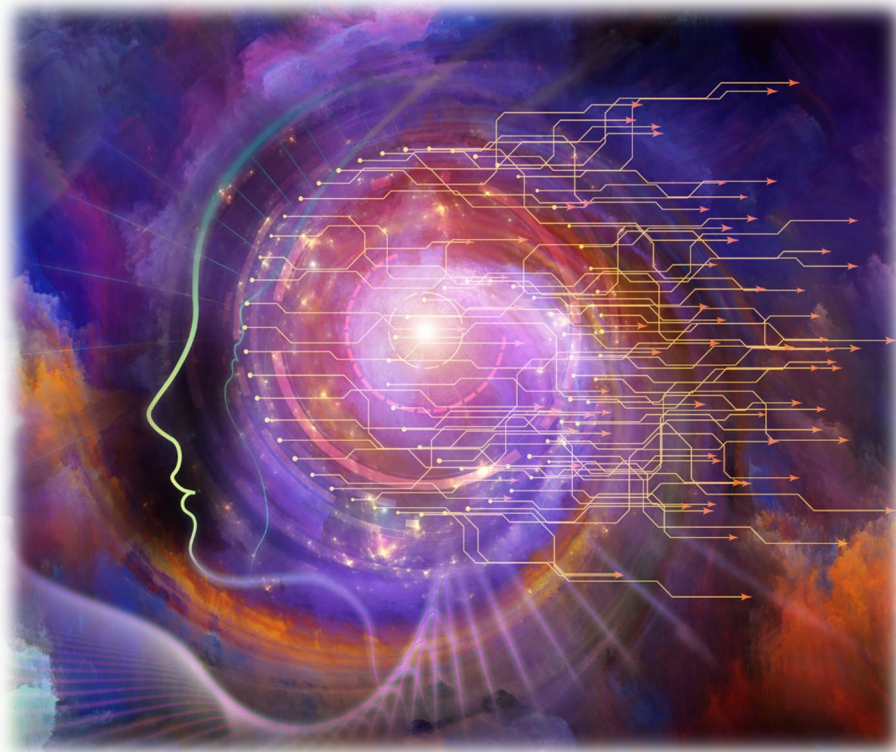




*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of The United Church of Christ*



**Order of Worship for
January 28, 2024, 10:30am**

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

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Creating God, you made us in the image of your good love. You know what is in us.

All: We open our hearts to your grace.

Loving Christ, you reach out to us with tender mercy and healing. You set us free.

We open our hearts to your grace.

Life-giving Spirit, you fill us with your mercy and power. You bear us on a journey of grace.

We open our hearts to your grace.

Heal us, and make us a healing people,

in the name of Christ and the power of your Spirit. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: NCH 172 *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*

tune: GALILEE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

We encourage you to greet each other verbally or by a friendly wave of peace

What do you think of when you hear about demons being cast out of someone?

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation sings:

Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja (3X) Halleluja! Hal-le-lu-ja!

Caribbean Melody

SCRIPTURE: *Mark 1:21-28*

SERMON: *Naming our Demons*

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE: *Here I Am Lord*

J. M. Talbot

Verses by Katie Suarez, Elizabeth Stassen, Davis Martin, Warburton Music Interns

CONGREGATIONAL REFRAIN:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord. If You lead me.

I will hold Your people in my heart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *We Will Walk in the Light!*

D. Besig
Center Church Choir

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Gracious God, we thank you for the mystery that you give yourself to us. You bless us by your grace and your presence, heal us of our demons, and empower us to work with you for the healing of this world. Send us forth, in the name and authority of Christ and the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: NCH 504 *You Walk Along Our Shoreline* tune: SALLEY GARDENS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Voluntary*

J. Stanley

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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!

Church Information

ON STREET PARKING is available during Sunday Worship Services on Gold Street and on the west side of Lewis Street, and is FREE on Sundays. The church is maintaining our relationship with the Traveler's Garage which is temporarily closed due to Covid-19. Stay tuned as we partner with other garages in the area.

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.

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