

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Walton Place  
Stamford, Connecticut 06901  
Member of the United Church of Christ  
*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 23, 2011

10:30 in the Sanctuary

\*All that are able please stand.

PRELUDE Timothy Wallace

WELCOME Pastor Jane Ann

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Kathie Laug  
CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

INTROIT O Praise Ye The Lord Dale Wood

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
(From *The Iona Community Worship Book*)

One Voice: We call on the power of God to meet us in our helplessness:

All Voices: God in our thinking, God in our speaking.

One: We call on the clarity of God to meet us in our confusion:

All: God in our acting, God in our stillness.

One: We call on the mercy of God to meet us in our brokenness:

All: God in our waking, God in our sleeping.

One: We call on the Spirit of God to meet us in our division:

All: God in our meeting, God in our parting. Thanks be to God!

\*GATHERING HYMN All Creatures of Our God and King Chalice #22

\*GATHERING PRAYER

\*GLORIA PATRI Chalice #35

INTRODUCTION TO A NEW SONG:  
The Generosity Song  
(Melody by Mary Franklin & words by Susan de Simone )

God says, “Grow in the Spirit,  
Grow in the Spirit,  
Grow in the Spirit,  
And I will show you how.”

God says, “Share with each other,  
Share with each other,  
Share with each other,  
And I will show you how.”

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE  
(After Passing the Peace, the children are invited to gather on the front pew)

THE PSALTER  
Psalm 1 from PSALMS FOR PRAYING: An Invitation to Wholeness (An interpretation of biblical psalms by Nan C. Merrill)  
*Blessed are those who walk hand in hand with goodness, who stand beside virtue, who sit in the seat of truth; For their delight is in the Spirit of love, and in Love’s heart they dwell day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, that yield fruit in due season, and their leaves flourish; And in all that they do, they give life. The unloving are not so. They are like dandelions which the wind blows away. Turning from the Heart of Love they will know suffering and pain. They will be isolated from wisdom; for Love knows the way of truth, the way of ignorance will perish.*

ANTHEM Share His Love from Reaching People William J. Reynolds

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG & THE YOUNG AT HEART

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION When We Are Living Chalice #536

SACRED SCRIPTURE Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

REFLECTION David Vintinner

MEDITATION MUSIC

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER  
Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

MUSICAL RESPONSE

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*OFFERTORY The Goodness of God Karl Phillip Emanuel Bach  
Terry Hyde, tenor

\*DOXOLOGY Chalice #46

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*SCATTERING HYMN We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky Chalice #684

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION God Be with You Till We Meet Again  
Words: Jeremiah E. Rankin  
Music: William G. Tomer

POSTLUDE Timothy Wallace

The Lectionary Passages for this week are *Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 or Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Psalm 1, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46*

OUR WELCOME

**Our Interim Minister** looks forward to visiting with everyone personally who cares to have a pastoral call. If you are particularly eager to have a pastoral visit, please contact the office to make an appointment (203-323-0200). Otherwise, Pastor Jane Ann will reach out to you in time.

**Welcome Home Cards:** We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. If you are here for the first time, please write your name and contact information on the [blue](#) card in your pew and place it in the offering plate. If you or your loved ones have any specific needs or requests, please indicate those on the card.

**Hospitality:** Please join us in the Parlor after the worship service for hospitality, followed by the annual meeting.

**Large-print Bibles and Chalice hymnals** are available from the ushers.

**Joys and Concerns** cards (tan) are available from the ushers. If you have joys or concerns that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out one or more of the cards, which will be collected by the ushers following the Passing of the Peace.

**Child-Care** for infants to 5-year-olds is available during worship. If you are new to our congregation and would like to utilize this service, please ask an usher to introduce you to our caregivers, Elfriede Mallin and Julia Simpson.

**Children’s Bulletins:** Children’s bulletins and pencils are in a basket on a table in the narthex.

**Library:** Our church library, located across from the Church Parlor, is open whenever the church is open.

**Envelopes for Open Plate Offerings:** If you do not have a pledge envelope, we invite all givers to use the envelopes provided in your pew so that we might record your donations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gatherings with Our Interim Senior Pastor:** If you haven’t already attended a special gathering to meet with Pastor Jane Ann, there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, at 1:00 p.m. Please call Jean Meyer at [203-326-7932](tel:203-326-7932) if you would like to attend.

**The discussions are beginning** about the Tyson bequest. There has been a bit of reshuffling of the times to accommodate everyone. The meetings that have available space now are on Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 6 after worship. The sign-up sheets will be available on Sunday at the annual meeting. You may also call Pam Shadford at [203 322-6838](tel:203-322-6838) to sign up. More opportunities will be added if needed.

**Book Discussion Group:** Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. The book chosen for October is Barbara Kingsolver's award winning book, *The Lacuna*. We welcome new members at any time, and also book recommendations. For more information call Kathie Laug (203-348-3993) or Pam Shadford (203-322-6838).

**Coat Drive:** Beginning next week, the C.E department will collect gently used coats for a social action coat drive. From now until October 28 (Hallowe'en Party), drop off gently used coats at the C.E. Director's office to donate to a local agency partnered with *One Warm Coat*.

**Hallowe'en Party:** October 28 in the Parlor. Bring a friend, dress like a ghoul, and make a difference with the "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" program, which helps children in crisis in countries the United Nations serves.

**A note from Betty Ayers:** It’s not too early to start saving paper towel cardboard tubes for the Advent Festival. Also, please bring in leftover Hallowe’en candy to the office.

*No matter who you are,  
no matter where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome in this  
United Church of Christ congregation.*

Schedule for Today and the Coming Week	
<b>Today</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Volunteers cook for New Covenant House</b> 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary Church School begins after Youth Message 12:00 noon Annual Meeting—Parlor
<b>Monday</b>	9:30 a.m. Fusion Exercise Class—West Parlor
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00a.m. Memory Support Program—West Parlor
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m. Homeless Memorial planning session—West Parlor 12:00 noon Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation (until 2:00 p.m.) 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service—Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop (until 3:00 p.m.) 11:00 a.m. Memory Support Program—West Parlor 7:00 p.m. Bequest discernment meeting
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 Hallowe’en Party—Parlor (until 9:00 p.m.)
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary Church School begins after Youth Message 12:00 noon Listening Session—Dining Room
Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday-Friday, 12 noon—Dining Room Al-Anon Hope for Today: Wednesday, 12 noon—Room 308 Overeaters Anonymous: Monday-Friday, 12 noon—Room 309 Literacy Volunteers: 203-325-5214	
The church building and office are open weekdays 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	

**Church Directory**  
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