

afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* - Walther

**Those who wish to remain seated may do so.*

WE PRAY FOR - Bob Bachman, Border Family, Mary Bottum, Tess Braun, Ky Byrne, Dorothy Card, Joe Chakalis, Davida Foy Crabtree, Frank Creamer, Carole DeVoe, Holly Durstin-Olson, Edwin G. Eckel, Nancy Eckel, Jen Emory, Ayasha Diane Fitzgibbons, Tony Galu, Stefanie Gouey, Kathryn Hallam, John Harris, Bob Hawkins, Joanne Hitchcock, Jeanette Hudson, Joan Ingersoll, Sheldon Innocent, Ken Kelsey and Family, Richard Kelsey, Zach Kelsey, Doug Macdonald, Nelly Molina, Jean O'Connor, Sue Olsen, Kathy Paulers, Josephine Perkins, Ron Peterson, Diana Peyre, George Phelan, Jerry Reginatto, Brad Reynolds, Blake Roy, Evelyn Sellstone, Jay Sellstone, Rachel Sellstone, Bill & Marge Servidio, Kirk & Cindy Sinclair, Dorothy Smith, Ernie Smith, Arthur Smith, Ryan Sterba, Louise & Robert Tangarone, Hannah Taylor, Ann Thew, Sue Ellen Thomas, Sheila Uhl, Family of Richard Waldron, Dawn Weaver, Wilbur Family, Jim Williams, Family of Nate Wilson.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR - Steve Allen, Bryan Amantea, Lane Berg, Smith Conway, Chris Goodall, Will Kelsey, Stephanie McGowan, Silvio Melo, Dave Morales, Tony Peterson, Jay Sullivan, Matthew and Marcy Werner, Stephen Whalen, Wesley Williamson, and all men and women serving in the military.

The Rev. Erick R. Olsen - Pastor

Elizabeth Allyn - Minister of Music

Christina Wignall - Director of Christian Education

The Rev. Bruce Anderson - Pastor Emeritus

PO Box 582, 12 Village Green, Norfolk, CT 06058

cchurch01@snet.net reverendole@hotmail.com

www.norfolkctucc.org

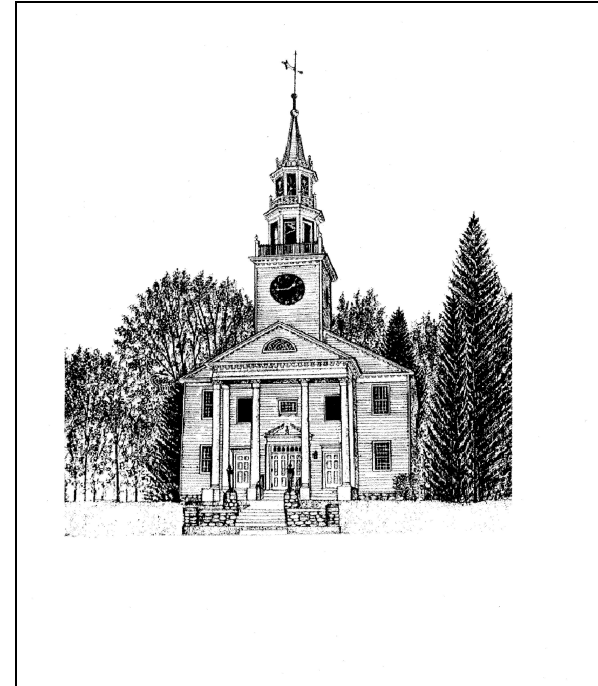
(860) 542-5721

Church of Christ Congregational

A (UCC) Member Congregation

An Open & Affirming Church

Norfolk, CT



Founded in 1760

“Our purpose is to follow Jesus Christ and to keep Christ at the center of our lives.

We aspire to strengthen our identity as a home of extravagant welcome where friends and strangers alike encounter God’s love.”

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12th, 2012

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12th, 2012

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* – Bach ; Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I give you all the credit, God; you got me out of that mess, you didn't let my foes gloat.

People: God, you pulled me out of the grave, gave me another chance at life when I was down-and-out.

Leader: All you saints! Sing your hearts out to God! Give thanks to God's face!

People: God gets angry once in a while, but across a lifetime there is only love. The nights of crying your eyes out give way to days of laughter.

Leader: You did it: you changed wild lament into whirling dance; you ripped off my black mourning band and decked me with wildflowers.

People: I'm about to burst with song; I can't keep quiet about you. God, I can't thank you enough.

***HYMN 16** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* (Pilgrim H.)

OPENING PRAYER

Equip us, Lord, for our journey to you. Give us strength for the steep runs, wisdom to choose the better path, and fellowship through it all. Cleanse us of any delusion that we have all that it takes to go solo. Forgive us for our transgressions, and open to us a new way of living and loving, working and playing together for you. Bless us now and always to your purpose. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

***THE GLORIA PATRI 513** - Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM *I Will Exalt You, O My Lord* (Psalm 30) – A. D. Miller

LIGHT OF SERVICE – Minister's Discretionary Fund

A READING FROM 2 KINGS 5:1-14 (page 332)

HYMN 179 *We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness* (insert)

A READING FROM MARK 1:40-45 (page 911)

SERMON "Believing is Becoming"

SILENT MEDITATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory *Cantate Domino* - G. O. Pitoni
(Sing to the Lord a New Song)

***Doxology 515** (Pilgrim Hymnal) - Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN 263** *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* (Pilgrim Hymnal)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR COMMON COMMISSION

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the fainthearted, supporting the weak, helping the

NEWS FOR THE PEWS

Sunday 2/12

10am Worship & SS
11:20 Youth Choir
11:30am Confirmation
4pm CROSS Mtg.
8pm AA Meeting

Monday 2/13

5:15 pm Dance Fitness

Tuesday 2/14

8:45am Yoga
2-5:30pm Isabella's Play

Wednesday 2/15

10am Bible Discussion at Meadowbrook
5:15pm Body Blast
6:30pm Deacons

Thursday 2/16

8:45am Yoga
5:15pm Yoga
NO Adult Choir

Saturday 2/18

9am Zumba

Sunday 2/19

10am Worship & SS
11:20 Youth Choir
1:30-2:45pm Family Skating:
Simsbury Rink
4:30-6pm C.R.O.S.S.
7-8:30pm Y.A.H.O.O.
8pm AA Meeting

Monday 2/20

5:15 pm Dance Fitness

Mission Plate Offerings

Make checks payable to
"Church of Christ"

1/29 Somers Church - \$288
2/05 Susan B. Anthony - \$174
2/12 Minister's Disc. Fund
2/19 Community Kitchen

Deacon - Lyn Patrick

Coffee Hour & Flowers -
Marilyn & Jim Harrington

FAMILY & FRIENDS SKATING PARTY Sunday February 19th International Skating Rink Simsbury CT

Further details on the
Chapel bulletin board.

FUN-RAISING CLASSES

Dance Fitness

Mondays 5:15PM

Yoga

Thursdays 5:15PM

Body Blast

Wednesdays 5:15PM

Zumba - Saturdays 9AM

Donation: \$10 per class
\$5 Students and Seniors
For all levels!

COOKING CLASSES

Cooking with Guinness

Tuesday, 3/13 - 6PM

Sushi with Kazu

Tuesday, 3/27 - 6PM

2011 Pledges

Pledgers: 90
Pledges Made: \$126,750

2012 Pledges-to-Date

Pledgers: 83
Pledges Made: \$118,883

Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers needed to help at
the current N. Canaan build.
No experience needed! Please
contact Habitat to help a
family's dream of owning a
home come true!

Youth Group News

C.R.O.S.S. (Gr. 6-8)

Sundays 4 to 5:30 PM

2/12 - What is the Psalter?

Meet in the dining room for
games, snack, and to learn
about Psalms.

2/19 - Mardi Gras Coming

**4:30 to 6PM - NOTE TIME
CHANGE!!!** Bring your whole
family for a yummy Phat
Sunday pancake dinner!

2/26 - CWS Kits & Games

Make a difference and have
some fun!

Y.A.H.O.O. (Gr. 9-12)

2/19 - 7 to 8:30 PM

Monthly Gathering

2/26 - 9 to 10 AM

Coffee & Conversation

ADULT BOSTON

WORKCAMP

Info Meeting

Monday 2/20, 7 PM

Parsonage

If you are interested in the
March 16-17 adult trip, to feed
the homeless in Boston,
please save this date and time.
See Pastor Erick with
questions.

Spiritual Renewal

Through Art

Sunday, 3/4, 10AM

Please join us for worship
Sunday 3/4 as we welcome
Sister Jo-Ann Iannotti from
The Wisdom House. Sister
Jo-Ann will be our guest
preacher on **Spiritual
Renewal through Art**.
Following worship, a light
lunch/coffee hour will be
served in The Chapel allowing
for further discussion of the
topic. An exhibit of Sister Jo-
Ann's photography and
writings will also be on display.
It promises to be a great
morning! Questions contact
Tina Wignall.

"THE BIBLE & LIFE"

Tuesday 2/28 - 7PM

Hosted by the Olsens in the Parsonage

Please join our new group, led
by your Deacons along with
Pastor Erick. We read a Bible
passage and then discuss how
the text informs our lives.

MUSICAL NOTES

Our music today continues to reflect how God has moved composers past and present to produce works to enrich our worship. Our anthem comes from the pen of a very busy, contemporary composer and organist, living in Minneapolis. The offertory comes from the late 1600's, in Italy, where this composer produced thousands of liturgical compositions during his lifetime of religious service. And the preludes and postlude also reflect old and new settings of a hymn: *Blessed Jesus, at Thy word, we are gathered all to hear Thee. Let our hearts and souls be stirred now, to seek and love and fear Thee, by Thy teachings sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love Thee solely.* Praise God.

We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness

179

Dosia Carlson, 1986; rev. 1993

1 We yearn, O Christ, for whole - ness and for your heal - ing touch;
 2 We long to have com - pan - ions who trav - el by our side,
 3 We need your liv - ing pres - ence, O Christ of Gal - i - lee,

too long have we felt help - less; our bur - dens seemed too much.
 strong friends to call and an - swer with whom we are al - lied;
 a pres - ence that re - vives us and sets our spir - its free.

For - get - ting all pre - tens - es we make our plead - ings heard,
 As we lift up each oth - er when strug - gles lay us low,
 No long - er are we fear - ful, your love per - vades each place.

in hope and ex - pec - ta - tion a - wait your gra - cious Word.
 com - mu - ni - ty de - vel - ops; our faith and car - ing grow.
 Em - pow - er us with cour - age to claim your heal - ing grace.

Dosia Carlson is noted for her ministry at Beatitudes United Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, and for her hymnwriting. This text was inspired by a sermon given by Harold Wilke during the International Year of Persons with Disabilities (1983).

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
 / Harm. J. S. Bach, 1719
 For another harmonization, see 202