



**OUTSIDE AND VIRTUAL ORDER OF WORSHIP
HAMDEN PLAINS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 10, 2021**

"The mission of the Hamden Plains United Methodist Church is sharing God's love by creating a safe and welcoming community, connecting people's needs with God's power, and reconciling divisions through Christ."

-Mission Statement

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

+ Those able please stand

Prelude

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Welcome to the Parish

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Listen, for the voice of God comes near!

C: Listen, for God's voice is not obtrusive.

P: We come to worship the God who became one of us,

C: Who calls us by name,

P: Who is Love Incarnate,

C: Who is!

P: Let us gather together in joy and hope –

C: Let us worship the God of Love!

+Opening Hymn

“Shepherd Me, O God”

CENTERING PRAYER: HELP US TO BE STILL

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION - WE CONFESS TO GOD, WHO HEARS OUR COMPLAINTS

C: To the one who receives and hears our filed complaints:

Forgive us when we seek to live apart from your help.

Forgive us the words that erupt from our mouths.

Forgive us the hurtful thoughts we think when we feel you are hidden from us.

Forgive our efforts to escape from your embrace.

L: Free us to live an abundant life. **Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Hebrews

4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: ***Thanks be to God.***

+Hymn

“Shall Not Want”

+John

10:1-18

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my

own and my own know me. ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

“The Good Shephard”

Pastor Jeremiah J. Paul

Pastoral Prayer

AFFIRMATION

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

OFFERING

Please mail or drop off your tithes and offerings to 15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514.

Noisy Offering (coins given for missions) may be dropped off at the church.

Offertory:

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

HPUMC Choir

+Offertory Prayer

+Response

“The Doxology”

UMH #95

GOING FORTH

+Benediction

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd,
and let us love, not just in words,
but in truth and action.

Believe in the name of Jesus Christ,
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.

May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.

And may the Holy Spirit abide in you

...and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

...In the name of Christ. Amen.

+Closing Hymn

“Build Your Church”

The Postlude

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

October 3: ATTENDANCE: In-person: 45 Zoom: 4 Program Views: 16

OFFERING: \$2,866

WORLD COMMUNION: \$80

Today's altar flowers are being given by the HPUMC congregation in honor of Pastor Appreciation to our Pastor, Rev. Jeremiah J. Paul.

TODAY AT HAMDEN PLAINS

GREETINGS TO ALL worshipping with us in-person outside, on-line or by program view today,

RECORDED PROGRAM WORSHIP at www.hamdenplainsumc.com or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwHc1E3_YK4W1nHICT5iAA. Learn more about us at www.hamdenplainsumc.com.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE for materials for the weekly bulletin is Wednesday at noon to secretary.hpumc@gmail.com.

NEW MASK POLICY: Please wear masks at all times.

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: Pastor J office hours are Wed. & Thurs.'s, 10:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you need a meeting with him please contact the office at 203.248.4654.

HPUMC PUMPKIN PATCH UPDATE: There is still work that needs to be done and volunteers are needed. As you saw on the front lawn, we are ready for the arrival of our pumpkins.

1. **Pumpkin Patch Unloading** on October 16 at 10:00am: **We have 10 volunteers at this time.**

2. **Pumpkin Patch Clean Up** on October 31 after church: **We have 3 volunteers at this time.**

The Pumpkin Patch takes a lot of people doing something in order for it to be successful. The Pumpkin Patch Committee thanks everyone who has already volunteered to do something!

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS please contact Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or Melissa Paul at mrsmasp@gmail.com (Tues.-Thurs. mornings). You may purchase flowers and bring them before Sunday services or donate \$30. Please make check payable to "HPUMC" memoed "altar flowers" or cash.. Wording may be "in honor of" or "in memory of" and will be listed in the bulletin. You may take the flowers or leave them to be delivered to our home-bound members. Nancy Campbell continues to order from "Flowers on the Farm." Your color preference requests, if any, should be placed with Nancy Estes when ordering. Dates of flower donations will be listed on the bulletin board. Thank you to all in beautifying our altar.

OUR OCTOBER HAMDEN FOOD BANK COLLECTION is for **DIAPERS**. Please place all donations in the collection basket in the Narthex during office hours (Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon) or bring them on Sunday mornings to outside worship. Thanks to the many who have donated!

2nd ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE: Our last Diaper Drive was in January. We are having it earlier this year as there is a **GREAT** need this year at the Keefe Center here in Hamden. Last year we delivered 5,412 diapers and \$725. **LET'S BEAT THIS TOTAL!** Please bring disposable diapers to church on Sunday's, drop off during office hours Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. to Noon or mail a check payable to "HPUMC" with the memo "Diapers" to the church, 15 Church Street, Hamden, 06514. You may also VENMO donations and be sure to note it is for "Diapers" Thanks for supporting this worthy mission outreach. **The drive will run from now through the end of October. Diapers and financial gifts will be delivered during the first week of November.**

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS: The Congregational Care Committee is asking our congregation once again for names and addresses of college students to reach out to. We are also looking for volunteers to write cards to these students. and for donations for gift cards to Dunkin' or Starbucks in the amount of \$10. If you have any questions. please reach out to the coordinator of this ministry, Morgen Campbell at morgen.campbell@gmail.com/203-430-4211. Thank you so much in advance.

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS for Wednesday Prayer Team may be made by contacting Holly O'Brien. These requests remain confidential to the Prayer Team. **PRAYERS AS PRINTED IN THE SUNDAY NOTICES**, are assumed to be public information and should be called or e-mailed to Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or secretary.hpumc@gmail.com.

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

CONNECTIONAL BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP, each Tuesday, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM

PRAYER TEAM, each Wednesday, 11 a.m. in person, Sanctuary.

CHOIR REHEARSAL, each Wednesday, 7 pm in person, Sanctuary

WOMEN'S GROUP, Wednesday, October 13th, 1:00 p.m. in the Nursery

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM, Thursday, October 14th, 7:00 p.m.

"DINNER FOR A DOLLAR" serves each Saturday, 6 – 7 p.m.

"DINNER FOR A DOLLAR" seeks cooks and serving hosts. Cook teams work **3 – 5:30 p.m.** and serving teams serve **5:30 – 8 p.m.** To sign up, go to <https://signup.com/go/LpLESWA> or contact Marty Hartog: 203.506.9788 or hartogm1@southernct.edu or Charlotte Sroka: 203.530.2860(text) or charlotte.sroka306@frontier.com. HPUMC members and friends serve 2nd and 4th Saturdays; community partners host 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays.

Missions need your help for Dinner for a Dollar. Cooking staff for the 2nd Saturday of the month starting September 11, and extra servers for October 9th, we need at least 2 or 3 more servers to make the experience better. Contact Charlotte Sroka 203-287-8936 leave a message or text 203-530-2860.

Anyone may eat at Dinner for a Dollar. A suggested donation is \$1 per meal, but no one is turned away based on ability to pay. Meals are available each Saturday, 6 – 7 p.m., take-out only through the Church Street doors. May God continue to bless this important ministry.

NEXT SUNDAY PENTECOST XXI: Scriptures: Job 38:1-7(34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH #826); Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45. Our liturgist will be Nancy Campbell. Song Leader: Terri Bennett.

CONNECTIONAL BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP: Every Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Via Zoom. If interested, contact Pastor J at 475.331.1122 or pastorj.hpumc@gmail.com.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Wednesday's, at 7 p.m. Please contact Pastor J (475.331.1122/ pastorj.hpumc@gmail.com) or Terri Bennett (terribennett1964@gmail.com/203.506.6788) for more information. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

MOVIE NIGHT: We would like to start a weekly movie night on Friday nights. Please see Pastor J, if interested. This evening will be for ALL AGES. More details to come.

THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY remains open year-round. Check it out in front of the church on Dixwell Avenue. To donate books (children's books as well as adult) of any genre or language, or Bibles, contact Kersten Moore at disturbedteacher@gmail.com/203.935.6855 or Lisa Collins at collins11902@yahoo.com/203.913.7961.

OUR INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLE PROGRAM Please bring your used cartridges for recycling in during office hours, Tues. – Fri., 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.: You can also bring them to church on Sunday or leave them in a bag outside the parking lot door at your convenience. Many thanks!

YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT MEANS MUCH! Please mail gifts to HPUMC, 15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514 or drop them off during office hours, Tues - Fri., 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

WE HAVE A NEW WAY of contributing your tithes and offerings.

You can now give right through an app on your phone or by scanning the QR code. We will then notify you we received your contribution.

www.venmo.com/HamdenPlains-UMC.

Any questions please call Nancy Estes in the office at 203.248.4654.



PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING A NOTE to any of the folks below who either live alone, have care needs or both. **This is the current list.** Megan Malanson is tracking these contacts. If you make one and would like to report that to Megan, please reach her at megmalanson@yahoo.com. If there is someone you think should be contacted by the pastor, please notify the office.

ADDRESSES FOR PEOPLE LIVING ALONE OR WITH CARE NEEDS:

(Some opted not to be on this list.)

Bales, Mary, 33 Woodruff Street, #113, Hamden, 06518

Bogacki, Dorine, 22 Masonic Avenue, Wallingford, 06492

Gursky, John, 1492 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, 06514

Hartsoe, Lois, 5324 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, 06492

Leno, Pat, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden, 06514

Maynard, Sandy, 102 Treadwell Street #B, Hamden, 06517

Mayo, Elizabeth, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Apt. 213, Hamden, 06517

Morrison, Claudette and Jimmy, 112 East Gate Lane, Hamden, 06514

Raccio, Jean and Carmine, 15 Sunrise Cove Road, Branford, 06405

Reynolds, Marianne, 656 Center Street, Apt. D208, Wallingford, 06492

Shaw, Rosemary, 345 Fountain Street, Apt. 202, New Haven, 06515

Williams, Trudy, 41 West Helen Street, Hamden, 06514

Wycoff, Denise and Pieter, 135 Grandview Avenue, Hamden, 06514

OTHER WAYS TO BE IN MINISTRY AND MISSION DURING THE PANDEMIC:

- Bring your "Cans for the Congo" during office hours or on Sundays.
- Drop off food for the Hamden Food Bank.
- Stay abreast of developments by reading your e-mail or checking the website.
- Read the upcoming Sunday scriptures as an act of spiritual formation.
- Pray for our church and governmental leaders and our Reopening Team.
- Serve at "Dinner for a Dollar" (take-out only). Sign up at signup.com/go/LpLESwA or contact Marty Hartog at 203.506.9788 or hartogm1@southernct.edu
- Check in by phone or send a note to someone home-bound or elderly.
- Continue to mail in your tithes and offerings.
- Continue to pray for our church during this time of pastoral transition.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Prayers for successful treatment:

Ellen Fong, Kennedy Rookwood

In the Hospital: Frank Teodosio, Jameson in NICU (grandson of Charlotte Sroka's friend)

Continuing care:

William, suffering from alcoholism (friend of Ernest)	John Sroka, fall
Alan, recovering from cardiac surgery (friend of Brenda Pineau)	
Steve DeStefano, Cancer (friend of Nancy Estes)	Rosemary Shaw, broken ankle
Paul, Bob, Laurie, Nina, cancer (friends of the Pineau's)	Charlene Welch
Stephanie, health issues, daughter of Ed & Brenda Pineau	Harold Estes, medical issues
Morgen Campbell, medical evaluation	
Stan, medical diagnosis (friend of Holly O'Brien)	
Cassandra, cancer (friend of the Pineau's)	
Shirley Repoli, cancer, (friend of Anthony Moore)	
Sarah and James Galloway, Carol's parents, for on-going medical issues	
Jason Calabrese (brother of Stacey Riccardi)	

BIRTHDAYS: Meghan Wyckoff 10/10, Karen Sroka 10/11, Margaret Turner 10/11,
Lizzy Atwood 10/15, Aaron Rattley 10/16

ANNIVERSARIES: Richard & Stacey Riccardi 10/12/1996

WORSHIP HOSTS

	Today October 10th	Next Sunday October 17th
Liturgist	<i>Kersten Moore</i>	<i>Nancy Campbell</i>
Song Leaders	<i>Pastor J</i>	<i>Terri Bennett</i>
Special Music	<i>HPUMC Choir</i>	<i>HPUMC Choir</i>
Worship Host #1 #2	<i>Brenda Pineau Megan Malanson</i>	<i>Morgen Campbell Holly O'Brien</i>
Attendance Clerk	<i>Megan Malanson</i>	<i>Holly O'Brien</i>
Setup/Take down	<i>Reon & Mahalia Keller</i>	<i>John & Marcus Brantley Bancroft Nicholson, Jr.</i>
Program Producer	<i>George Joseph</i>	<i>George Joseph</i>
Counters	<i>Lynn Brantley Randi Harrell</i>	<i>Lois Fucci Charlotte Sroka</i>

Worship in-person and live Zoom at 10:15 a.m. Sundays
Program view of worship later on Sunday.

Minister: All Congregation Members

Rev. Jeremiah J. Paul, Pastor
Dunn Pearson, Guest Musician
Nancy Estes, Parish Secretary
Bancroft Nicholson, Sr., Sexton

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