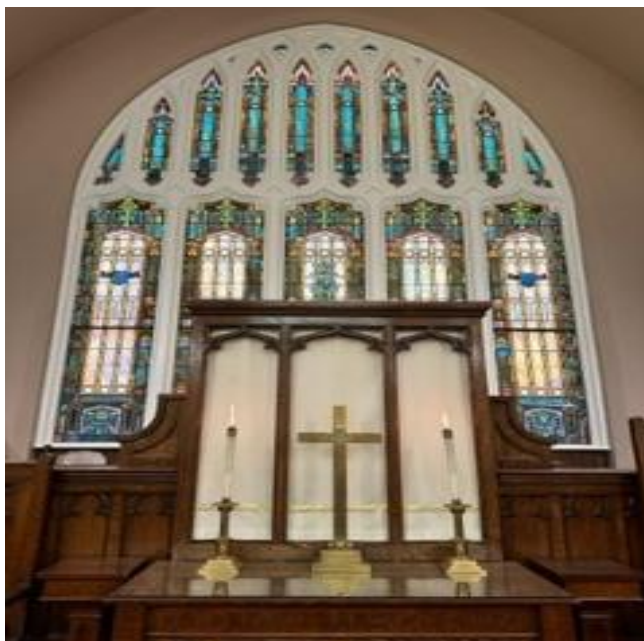


**HAMDEN PLAINS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514
203- 248-4654



HERITAGE SUNDAY

May 21, 2023

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“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

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
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May 21, 2023

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE
+ Those able please stand

PRELUDE

+OPENING HYMN

“Faith of Our Fathers”

UMH #710

+CALL TO WORSHIP- Liturgist

On this Heritage Sunday, we gather to remember who we are.
We are the story of God’s grace in this place.

From Aldersgate Street to 15 Church Street, God's grace flows among us, guiding us to notice and participate in God's unfolding story of love in our midst.

We are the story of God's grace in this place.

We have seen troubles, conflict, and fear within and outside these walls, yet God remains as our faithful guide.

We are the story of God's grace in this place.

We have been part of spreading God's love, rejoicing when we witness lives transformed, families nurtured, and neighbors caring for one another.

We are the story of God's grace in this place.

Today may we celebrate all that God has done and continues to do in our midst as we remember and renew our commitment to take part in God's story in this place.

We joyfully answer the call to live out God's story of grace in this place! Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:6-14

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, you met John Wesley's uncertainty with divine assurance and you called him to declare your salvation in the fields, streets, and prisons where people were desperate for good news. Inspire us today to carry the stories of all you have done among us beyond the doors of this building, that we may grow as your church in the world, a living temple that brings your love and grace to the corners of our communities that most need your good news. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 103

UMH 824

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Almighty God, on whom we build all our hopes,

we come this Heritage Sunday to remember our story as your people in this time and place, and to rededicate ourselves as your church, built upon the foundation of the Word of God declared by the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus as the Cornerstone.

May our hearts be joined together into a living temple, a church that grows and expands beyond the walls of this building into the community where you have planted us.

Help us to be a sanctuary for those in trouble, a meeting place for the searching, a loving home for the broken hearted, and a haven of peace for the distressed, as we bear the glad tidings of your salvation to the world. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, sometimes our faith is cool or cold. Like Mr. Wesley before us, we continue to seek it, though with strange indifference, dullness, and coldness, and unusually frequent relapses into sin. Forgive our waning ardor, our loss of passion, our ineffectiveness in living and sharing your grace and mercy. Forgive us, we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON

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.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

HERITAGE SUNDAY RECOGNITION (adapted from The U.M. Book of Worship, 1989)
Almighty God, you have raised up servants to proclaim the gift of redemption and a life of holiness.

Today we honor our 50+ year members on this Heritage Sunday.

We celebrate the faithfulness of Helen Donaldson, Lois Hartsoe, Marilyn Mather, and Jean Raccio, Jeanette Larson, Elizabeth Haywood, Eunice Sperry, Antoinette Warner, Mr. & Mrs. John Sanford Sr., Charlie Gorham, and Orrin & Miranda Munson as we remember our Methodist heritage.

They join that great line of our spiritual forebears: Susanna, John and Charles Wesley; Barbara Heck, Jacob Albright, Philip William Otterbein and Martin Boehm. For all of them, inspired by your Spirit, we give thanks.

In their life and ministry, through their difficulties, and in spite of their weaknesses, you were their hope and their salvation. You led them and their followers to create the heritage that is ours.

We praise you for the women and men, young and old, who gave--and give--themselves unselfishly for the welfare of the Church, whose commitment and vision encouraged and supported the Church.

We thank you, O God, for their talents, enthusiasm, idealism and dedication that infused your Church with the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: WITH ALL YOUR PEOPLE THROUGHOUT CREATION, GIVE US A NEW VISION, NEW LOVE, NEW WISDOM, AND FRESH UNDERSTANDING, THAT WE MAY SERVE YOU MORE FULLY; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Ephesians 6:10-18-Liturgist

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

+ John 17:1-11-Liturgist

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. ⁶"I have revealed you[a] to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

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

SERMON

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Holly O’Brien

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING-Liturgist

*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.

ANTHEM

“In the Garden”

UMH #314

+RESPONSE

“The Doxology”

UMH #95

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH

+CLOSING HYMN

“They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love” TFWS 2223

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

“Sanctuary”

TFWS #2164

The Postlude

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

May 14: ATTENDANCE: In-person: 52 OFFERING: \$2,668

TODAY AT HAMDEN PLAINS

GREETINGS TO ALL worshipping with us on-line or by program view today.

PASTOR J IS ON VACATION UNTIL MAY 31st. Please contact the office for any needs and it will be passed on to the Pastor on call.

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK:

CHOIR REHEARSAL, Wednesday’s, 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER GROUP, Wednesday’s at 11 am in the Prayer Room. ALL are welcome.

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

NEXT WEEK: PENTECOST SUNDAY Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (umh826); 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13. Liturgist: Marcus Brantley. Song Leader: Perjah & Reneejah Delgado. Fellowship Time: Ryan & Kevin Cruz.

REPORTERS FOR THE MESSENGER: *We are actively searching for reporters for our monthly Messenger at HPUMC. Their duties consist of reporting and interviewing community leaders, Pastor J and other members of our church, while writing articles on events and happenings throughout the year. These persons will work closely with our Editor and chief Nancy Estes completing articles before monthly deadlines and submitting pictures for editorial. If you are interested please contact Pastor J or Nancy Estes*

MESSENGER DEADLINE is today. Please send in any articles, achievements, group activities or anything you would like to go into the monthly messenger. Send all items to secretary.hpumc@gmail.com.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING RED, the color of the Holy Spirit, for this Sunday.

LEMONADE RETREAT Saturday June 3 from 9:30am to 12:00pm at the church. ALL are invited for this time of growing closer to each other and God. Everyone attending will receive a participants’ booklet and should expect for a lot of fun and fellowship! Light refreshments featuring lemons, of course, will be provided.

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Looking for hosts to serve coffee and a light snack. Signup sheet is in the Narthex by the Kitchenette or contact Krystal Ritchie at 475.307.1764 or kritchier424@yahoo.com. She will also guide new hosts through the process.

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.

"DINNER FOR A DOLLAR" Missions 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 charcar321flavor@gmail.com HPUMC members and friends serve 2nd and 4th Saturdays; community partners host 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays.

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.

CONNECTIONAL BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP: Cancelled this week

CHOIR REHEARSAL: WEDNESDAYS 7:00 p.m. If you would like more information about joining choir or being a song leader, please contact Pastor J (475.331.1122 pastorj.hpumc@gmail.com) or Dunn Pearson (dunnpearson@gmail.com) for more information. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

OUR HAMDEN FOOD BANK COLLECTION: Please bring in any items you feel can be used as inventory is very low. Please place all donations in the collection basket in the Narthex during office hours (Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon) or leave by the back door. Thanks to the many who have donated!

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 by scanning the QR code or going to www.venmo.com/HamdenPlains-UMC. Any questions please call the office.



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!

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

Hartsoe, Lois, 7310 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, 06492

Leno, Pat, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden, 06514

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, 520 Pool Rd. Apt. 424, North Haven, 06473

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

Teodosio, Frank, 330 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, 06525

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:

- 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.
- 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Continuing care:

Laura Williams, medical issues Brenda Pineau
 Alan, recovering (Brenda Pineau) Cassandra, cancer (The Pineau's)
 Lavonda Paul, resting at home Paul, Bob, Lori, cancer (The Pineau's)
 Lorraine Welch & Charlene Welch Jason Calabrese (Stacey Riccardi's brother)
 Holly Wesman, partner of Karen Sroka, cancer
 John Kenney, Kidney Failure & Anibal Lopez Cancer (Pat Jacobs' Husband & Son)
 Bernadette, breast cancer (Margret Turner's niece)
 Sarah and James Galloway, Carol's parents, for on-going medical issues
 Stephanie, health issues, daughter of Ed & Brenda Pineau

In Rehab facilities:

Frank Teodosio

BIRTHDAYS: Evan Cordova 5/21, Arelyah Paul 5/22, Savannah Paul 5/22, Harold Estes 5/23,
 Al Lanza 5/27, Eileen Smith 5/28

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill & Lorraine Welch 5/22/77, Dennis & Irma Lecza 5/23/92,
 Carmine & Jean Raccio 5/25/63

*Book of Remembrance Dedication
 Gifts from June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023*

In Memory Of

*Joe Turner
 Ray Willis
 Janet Lawshe
 Louise & Louis Dolceaqua
 Ralph & Mildred Mather
 Richard L. Donaldson
 Ruth L. Pilletere
 Jean Koepke
 Robert & Clara Murrell
 Willis C. Conner, Sr.
 Patricia Brown
 Gil Benham & Kathleen Turner
 Roger Johnson
 Vernon Nicholson
 Robert L. Clark
 Vivian & John Tucker*

Donor

*Margaret Turner
 Mary Bales

 Lois Fucci
 Marilyn Mather
 Helen Donaldson
 Krystal Ritchie & Nancy Estes
 Cindy Koepke
 Shirley Conner
 Willis C. Conner, Jr.
 Harriett Hart
 Terri Bennett & Marty Hartog
 Alfreda Piggott
 Bancroft Nicholson
 Doris Clark
 John Tucker*

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF May 21, 2023

Sunday	May 21	Worship	10:15 am
		Fellowship Time	Following worship
Wednesday	May 24	Prayer Group	11:00 am
Saturday	May 27	Dinner for a Dollar	6:00 pm
Sunday	May 28	Worship	10:15 am
		Fellowship Time	Following worship

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwHc1E3_YK4W1nHICT5iAA
 or <https://tinyurl.com/t9q8gw6>

Worship Assistants

	TODAY May 21st HERITAGE SUNDAY	Next Week, May 28th
Liturgist	Derrick Pommills	Marcus Brantley
Song Leader	Frances Walker	Perjah & Reneejah Delgado
Ushers		Megan Malanson
Attendance Clerk		Megan Malanson
Fellowship Time	Heritage Sunday	Ryan & Kevin Cruz
Counters	Lynn Brantley Perjah Delgado	Kersten Moore TBA

Program view of worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays

Minister: All Congregation Members

Rev. Jeremiah J. Paul, Pastor, pastorjj.hpumc@gmail.com

Dunn Pearson, Musician Ministry, dunnpearson@gmail.com

Nancy Estes, Parish Secretary, secretary.hpumc@gmail.com

Derrick Pommills, Property Manager, pommillsfacilityservices@gmail.com