

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH
April 23, 2017
8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Worship Services

PRELUDE "Prelude in A" *Saint Saens*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a new song!

A springtime shout-out to new life!

Sing praise to our joyful Easter God

Whose power brings new life out of death!

Immerse doubt and despair in the fountain of new birth

Our visions and hopes are refreshed, made new!

For God has taken ordinary things

And made them extraordinary

All: Sing a New Song!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, with you there is always more life, more hope,
more joy.

When doubt assails us, and we fail to recognize you at work in
our lives,

Lord, have mercy!

When fear impairs our faith, and our eyes and ears and hearts do
not know you,

Christ, have mercy!

When anger and sorrow stop us from doing the risky work of
love,

Lord, have mercy!

(Silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Within every kernel of doubt, there is a tree of life and hope.
In those times when our faith falters,
when we cannot bring ourselves to see the presence of the Holy
among us,

God takes our faith and transforms it,
patiently showing us the many ways Christ walks among us.
Look around you:

as close as your own beating heart,
and in the eyes of your nearest neighbor,
grace abounds at the heart of all life.

You are all God's children, loved without condition,
go in that peace. **Amen.**

*INVOCATION

*GLORIA PATRI

#579

CHILDREN'S TIME

(10 a.m. service only)

*HYMN

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" #106

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 8; Matthew 25:31-40

MESSAGE

"Global Environmental Justice"

*HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth" #473, v. 1-4

JOYS AND CONCERNS; 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 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.

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

IN APPRECIATION

Greeting today are members of the Ministry of the Community, which is made up of: **Greg Barden, Mark Bosse, Kurt Frantzen, Gayle Furman, John Sawchuk, Denise Turner, and Michelle Wyatt.**

Thank you to this morning's ushers at our 8:30 a.m. service, **Mitch and Lori Koziol, and Paul Goodwin and Rich Hosford** at our 10 a.m. service.

Happy Birthday to Rosie Bosse, Sara McCarvill, and Barbara McKelvey (4/26), Nancy Knapp (4/27), Allison Capasso and Patience Collins (4/28)

Happy Anniversary to Liza and Jim Ringuette (4/27).

Thank you to Tom St. Louis for preaching and leading the worship services today while Pastor Jerrie is away. She will be back in the office on Tuesday, April 25.

PASTOR JERRIE'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Jerrie days will vary this week. Call her cell phone if you need to reach her, 518-331-0390, or email her at revjism@gmail.com.

Sexual Assault Myths and Facts Seminar

Anyone can be a victim of sexual violence. Come and learn the facts on how you can help a survivor or yourself, how to talk to your children about consent and abuse, and many other related topics at the Sexual Assault Myths and Facts Seminar on Sunday, April 23, at 3 p.m. here. This program is sponsored by the Colchester Federated Church and the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern, CT. A sign up for group therapy sessions will be available after the seminar. It's never too late to begin the healing process. For more information, contact the Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Eastern, CT 860-456-3595 www. saccec.org.

Next Saturday

On Saturday, April 29, CFC will host the annual meeting of ABCCONN—American Baptist Churches of Connecticut, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are still needed to greet people, show them around, help with parking and assist John Sawchuk with lunch. If you are able to help for part of the day, please see John, Denise Turner or Pastor Jerrie. Thank you.

The keynote speaker for the day is Rev. Judy Fackenthal, President of ABC/USA. She is a pastor in Indianapolis and Adjunct Professor at Christian Theological Seminary. She will also be preaching here on April 30 at the 10 a.m. service.

Next Sunday

We will also be welcoming new members into CFC next Sunday: Jason and Gina Henderson and Linda Holm. The Hendersons have three children, Reese, Eli, and Jack; and Linda is the grandmother of Ava, Owen, and Camden McCarvill. Please join us as we welcome them, in both worship and coffee hour next week.

Support Camp Wightman's Shoe Drive!

Camp Wightman invites you to take part in a Shoe Drive to provide shoes to people affected by natural disasters, people living in developing countries participating in a "micro-enterprise" program, and to support our Campership program! We challenge you to collect at least 25 pairs of gently worn shoes to contribute to the effort. We will accept shoes of all kinds, whether they be work boots, sneakers, dress shoes, snow boots, or Crocs as long as they come as a pair. **Bring your collection in boxes or bags to the Church Office by April 28 or directly to the Annual Gathering, Saturday, April 29,** to be held here. During the summer, our campers will sort and pack them for pick-up at the end of the season. We'd love to run out of room for storage! Need additional information? Contact us at 860-376-2179 or wightman@abcconn.org. Thank you for your help!

Adopt-A-Park

The Adopt-a-Park Work Party has chosen a location and we're ready to roll with applications. The DEEP orientation is on the horizon. If you feel you can make a year commitment and want to clean up trash in Devil's Hopyard once a month, with a fun group of people, please call the church office or Tracy Gale at (860) 917-8962.

**** WARNING ****

The members of the Colchester Federated Church are hereby warned to meet for the Annual Election Meeting to be held May 7, 2017, immediately following 10:00 a.m. Worship, for the following purposes:

1. In accordance with the vote of the Annual Financial Meeting of January 29, 2017, to hear and act on the 2017-2018 Budget as presented by the Ministry of Stewardship;
2. To hear and act on the annual reports of the various Ministries and Missions of the Church;
3. To elect the officers, Ministry and Mission members of Colchester Federated Church for the year 2017-2018; and
4. Any other business suitable and proper to come before said meeting.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2017, Mark E. Bosse, Church Clerk.

Please note that annual reports of each Mission and Ministry of the Church are due to the Church Office by Monday, 5/1.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- 8:30** **Worship Service (S)**
9:20 **"Tween Time" Coffee Hour**
10:00 **Worship Service (S)**
11:30 **Feeding Children Everywhere Event (G)**
2:00 Basketball (G)
3:00 **Sexual Assault Seminar (SR)**

MONDAY, APRIL 24

- 12:00/7:30 AA Meetings (Library)
6:00 **Boy Scouts (JR/SR/G)**

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

- 12:00 Moms in Prayer (Lounge)
12:00 AA Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

- 10:00** **My Brother's Keeper (JR)**
12:00/7:30 AA Meetings (Library)
7:00 **Bible Study (Koziol's home)**

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

- 10:00 AA Meeting (Library)
7:00 **Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)**
8:00 Basketball (G)

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

- 12:00 AA Meeting (Library)

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

- 8:30** **ABCCONN Annual Gathering (All Rooms)**

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

- 8:30** **Worship Service (S)**
10:00 **Worship Service (S)**
2:00 Basketball (G)

Annual Tag Sale

Our annual Tag Sale will be held on Friday, 5/05, 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, 5/6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Drop off of donations will begin on Sunday, 4/30. Please do not bring non-working electrical items, large furniture or out of date electronics. The tag sale is one of our biggest fundraisers, and we need everyone's help.

Buyers: The tag sale will run Friday, 5/05, 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, 5/6 from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Sorters, pricers and sale helpers: We will be needing help from Sunday, 4/30, through Saturday, 5/6.

Clean-up: We need packers/movers/drivers on Saturday at 2.

If you are able to help at any time, could you please let us know the days/times you are available. If you would like to be contacted by email, please send your email address to avishull@comcast.net. For more info or if you prefer phone contact, call co-chairs Pat Culhane at 860-537-1202 or Avis Hull at 860-537-2094. *The Tag Sale Team*