

Service Notes...

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of William Luchon Sr & Jane Moore by JoAnn & family.

Welcoming you this morning are (8:30): Peter & Jackie Brenn (10:00): Dennis Carlson; Katie Fratoni.

Our Deacons welcoming you this morning are (8:30): Peter Brenn (10:00): Patrick Doyle.

The Confirmand serving as Acolyte is (10:00): Jaemin Smith.

This week the rose of remembrance will be kept in the church office in memory of Derk Philippona.

Hosting this morning's coffee hour are members of the Business Committee & Trustees.

- Rev. Dr. Jeffrey M. Gallagher, *Senior Pastor*
- Rev. Ruth Nye, *Associate Pastor*
- Molli Mitchell, *Student Pastor*
- Allan Conway, *Minister of Music*
- Tonya Lyon, *Director of Finance*
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- Alison Pires, *Director of Youth Ministries*
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- Teresa Green, *Director, Tolland Green Learning Center*
- Rev. Donald G. Miller, *Pastor Emeritus*
- Rev. Hannah Howe, *Pastor Emerita*
- Rev. Dr. Robert J. Wright, Jr., *Pastor Emeritus*
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With open minds and compassionate hearts, we seek to be God's loving hands in the world.



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BAPTISM OF BRADAIGH WOLFE PARKER / LENT II

March 8, 2020

8:30 & 10:00 A.M.

SUGGESTED READINGS: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

THE APPROACH TO GOD

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES "Azmon"

Walter Pelz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our Lenten journey continues - so come, let our hearts turn to praise.

Many: Praise to our Creator, whose steadfast love endures forever!

One: Come, for Christ calls us from our separate lives into a common life;

Many: In the Body of Christ, God's forgiving love is known.

One: Come, people of faith, and trust the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Many: Thanks be to God, for the gifts of grace and love and hope.

One: Friends, let us join together to worship our God.

*HYMN "O for a World"

purple #372

(Prayer request cards will be collected during the singing of this hymn)

*OPENING PRAYER

All: Loving God, ever working in us, and through us, help us now to center in your loving presence, that we might be ready for a new seeing of your grace, and a fresh hearing of your word. Remind us that every gift given with our whole hearts is building the kingdom of God on earth, as it is in heaven. Renew us this day with courage and strength to be your faithful people in the world.

This we ask in Christ's name and spirit. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

red #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. Amen.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Let us offer to God in prayer all that burdens our hearts and minds today...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O God, come and renew us today for we admit...
...the times we have lived narrowly instead of openly;
...the times we have seen with eyes of satisfaction instead of compassion;
...the times we have let fear rule our hearts instead of love;
...the times we have tried to save up life, instead of finding the courage to spend it.
Teach us again through the words and deeds of Jesus, about your love and forgiveness. As we travel on our Lenten journey, help us to see as Jesus saw, to live as he lived, and to love as he loved. We pray this along with all the prayers we bring before you now, in this silence . . .

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the promise of the gospel, its word of life to us: Nothing separates us from God whose love heals, forgives and redeems the world. Let the people say, Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC "If My People Will Pray"

(Susie Lotreck)

Jimmy Owens

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:00)

BAPTISM (10:00)

Bradaigh Wolfe Parker
son of Justin & Rebecca Parker

SENDING FORTH HYMN (10:00) "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" (vs. 1)

purple #547

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing- you are my own.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (unison)

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may Your Word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may Your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may Your Word be shown. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS Matthew 18:23-35

NT P.20

Matthew 6:7-12

NT P.5

SERMON "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

Rev. Ruth Nye

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

purple #444

(sung to the tune of O God, Our Help in Ages Past)

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS, PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

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.

OFFERTORY "None Other Lamb"

Craig Courtney

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF ACCEPTANCE

red #514

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.

*HYMN "God, How Can We Forgive"

purple #445

*THE BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE & TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD red #60 vs 2

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day;
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name.

POSTLUDE "Yigdal"

Fritz Lubrich

*The congregation may stand.

Our worship has ended; now let our service begin!