



Sunday August 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Congregational Church of East Hampton
United Church of Christ

Greeting and Welcome

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness;

One: Come into God's presence with singing.

All: Know that the Lord is God.

One: It is the Lord who made us, and not we ourselves.

All: Enter God's presence with thanksgiving,

One: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Gathering

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” NCH 42

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing the triumphs of God's grace!**

**My gracious Savior and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**Jesus! The name that calms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease
Is music in the sinner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!**

**Glory to God, and love and praise be ever, ever given
By all the saints in every age, the church in earth and heaven.**

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Jackie Hooper-Hage

Jesus said, “Follow me.” We don't always know what that means. We are on a journey of discovery. We are here because we want to be God's people; we are here because we seek recharging and re-joying for the week ahead; we are here to celebrate lives, and God's presence in this life. Let us worship God with grateful hearts. (M. Enid Watson, edited)

Hear us now as we pray together the words that our brother Jesus gave us: “Our Father...(trespasses) Amen.”

“Gloria”

Cantor

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia**

Passing of the Peace

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

Kristine Pekar

Scripture

Ephesians 4:7, 11-16 (*The Message*)

Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift.....gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ’s followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ’s body, the church, until we’re all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God’s Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.

No prolonged infancies among us, please. We’ll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are an easy mark for impostors. God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

Sermon Message

“Become the Gift”

Rev. Jim

Moment of Silent Reflection

Sharing God’s Blessings

Our Offering

Electronic giving (credit card, debit card): please see church website:

<https://cc-eh.org/donate/online-offering/>

By check: The Congregational Church of East Hampton
PO Box 237, East Hampton, CT 06424

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Jackie Hooper-Hage

Brother Jesus, our Christ, we are grateful for the work to which you call us for building up and strengthening the Body of Christ here in this place, yet for the sake of the whole world. Give me the awareness – every day – to use the gifts you’ve given me so that I can become a gift for others.

Accept and bless these symbols of our appreciation for your many blessings – including the ministries you set before us. May these offerings empower us to spend the days of our lives sharing the Good News and being the Good News. Amen.

Sending hymn:

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” NCH 495

**Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

**Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

Benediction

Congregational Response “Shalom to You” (Elise Eslinger)

Cantor

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Carrying out the Light

Upcoming Events and Announcements

To have your announcements printed in the bulletin, please have them into the church office by **THURSDAY** morning.



to Jackie Hooper-Hage for being
Deacon of the Month!



Youth Ministry Youth Ministry August Meeting

Saturday, August 28th, 1pm to 4pm for an afternoon on Lake Pocotopaug, meet at 28 Wangonk Trail, the home of Lanette & Dave Z. (Grades 6th-12th).

Contact the Christian Education Director with any questions:
Missy Burton, Ph #860-331-6147,
email: mleighburton@yahoo.com



The Yarners meet EVERY THURSDAY!

10:30a-12:00p

All knitters and crocheters are welcome!

For more information, contact Judy Hoffhine at:

jhoffhine@gmail.com or 860-365-0327



COSA is collecting non-perishable donations for the East Hampton Food Bank.

Please leave donations in the blue bin in the hallway downstairs.

Tips for participating in online (Zoom) worship (click this link for simple instructions for using Zoom with a computer or a phone or ipad, <https://cc-eh.org/events/zoom/>)

- When joining the service, you will see a message that you are in a waiting room
 - Do not close the window
 - Wait and the host will let you in
- Have your real name showing
 - Your name can be changed in your account settings
 - You can type in your name before entering the meeting
 - You can update your name once you are in the meeting
- Keep your microphone on mute unless sharing joys/concerns or participating in a unison reading/prayer
 - Participants with children should unmute during the children's' message
 - It is especially important to remain muted during songs
- Use the "raise hand" function if you would like to share and cannot unmute
 - The host will be able to unmute you
 - You can "raise" and "lower" your hand anytime
 - You can also send a chat message to the host if you prefer

Wondering how to perform any of these actions?

[*View menu items using a computer*](#)

[*View menu items using a phone/iPad app*](#)

Menu items when dialing into service on a telephone:

The following commands can be entered using your phone's dial pad while listening to a Zoom meeting on your telephone:

*6 – Toggle mute/unmute

*9 – Raise hand