

Bloomfield Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
An open and affirming congregation

November 29, 2020



Like a Thief in the Night

The Heart of Bloomfield

Bloomfield Congregational Church

10 Wintonbury Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002

Gathered as Wintonbury Parish February 14, 1738

Renewing our faith as people of God

10 a.m. Sunday, November 29, 2020



WELCOME

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY AS GOD'S PEOPLE

One: God does not always work the way we expect,

All: but, God's Way is always good.

One: The world may have one way, while God has another,

All: but, God's Way is always good.

One: Trusting God's Way in our lives,

truly trusting and following God's Way with our lives,
can lead us to the light in our hidden places of night.

All: God's Way is always good. Trusting that Way

and following God's Way in our lives

will lead us to the light. And that will give us hope.

OPENING HYMN:

"People Look East"

(Lyrics will be on screen)

UNISON PRAYER:

God of surprising gifts, we thank You for this Advent time. This time of anticipation and preparation. This time of opportunity. An opportunity to more fully open ourselves to You and to The Way of Your Son Jesus.

It is so easy to let this time slip through our fingers. Help us to reach out with the hands of our hearts, so that we may take Your hand and allow You to lead us. Help us to open our hearts more fully, so that we may let You in more deeply, more completely.

Then, maybe, we will let our guard down long enough for Advent to do for us what it is intended to do. Amen.

ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY:

Jon DeHoyos and The Congregation

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Dorine DeCarli

MUSICAL OFFERING:

"A Bearer of the Light"
Performed by Carolyn Brodgerski

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "trespasses")

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever, Amen!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

*God is here. God is still speaking!
Let us open our hearts and minds to God's Good News.*

SCRIPTURE READING:
Kenefick

Matthew 24: 36 - 44

Reader is Heidi

SERMON

"Like a Thief in the Night"

Rev. Shawn Fisher

OFFERING OUR THANKS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

"OFFERING": *Help us grow The Kingdom of God here on earth.* You are invited to provide an offering using your Tithe.ly app, by using the "Give" button on the screen above, or using the "Give" button on the church website. You may also send a donation by mail. Help us build Hope.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

"Every Praise"

Performed by Union Baptist Church of Stamford

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

(Lyrics on screen)

BENEDICTION

Please join us for "Bring Your Own Coffee" Coffee Hour via Zoom after the service.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87822038804?pwd=bXFLSytUdDhiMUhUd21ncHhWWGlsUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 2203 8804

Passcode: 742747

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Welcome to Bloomfield Congregational Church Online!

We hope you find your time with us to be meaningful.

***Bathrooms** can be found...um, heck, we don't know where your bathrooms are, but we sure hope you do! Please wash your hands (even after Covid-19 is gone).*

*If you need one, a **Changing Station** can be found somewhere in your home hopefully... 😊.*

Children are ALWAYS WELCOME in service, no matter whether it's online or in person.

The sounds of infants, children are welcome here, just as Jesus welcomed them.

The sounds of adults are welcome too! (No need to be the "Frozen Chosen" here!)

If you have any questions, let us know and we'll make sure to get you an answer!

STAFF

Rev. Shawn R. Fisher, Pastor
Eustace Straker, Minister of Music
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Shantel Bremmer, Director of Child Development Center
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We are also on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram!



