

Bloomfield Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
An open and affirming congregation

November 22, 2020



The Ten Bridesmaids

(As you've never heard the story before)

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The Heart of Bloomfield



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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 22, 2020

WELCOME

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY AS GOD'S PEOPLE

One: God doors are always open.

All: God's doors are never closed.

One: God always wants to have a relationship with you.

All: God's doors are always open to us.

One: Let us be grateful for this. This God whose doors are always open.

This God who wants a relationship with us.

All: Thank You God! Thank You that Your doors are always open.

Thank You for wanting a relationship with us.

Thank You for life. Thank You for Your love.

OPENING HYMN: *"Come Ye Thankful People Come"* (Lyrics will be on screen)

UNISON PRAYER:

Gracious God, thank You for being with us. We know that You are always with us, *even within us*. You are written on our hearts. Still, we ask that You draw even closer to us in this hour. We need You. We need You here. We need You now.

We need You in our hearts. We need You in our minds. We need You in our bodies. We need You – **deep in our bones.** *We need You in our souls.*

Some tell us that we need to fear You. That we need to be "on guard". That we need to be ready at an exact moment or we will miss You. Thank You that this is not true. Thank You for keeping Your doors wide open for us - always. Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Dorine DeCarli

MUSICAL OFFERING:

"Goodness of God"
Performed by Scott and Katie Troyer

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:
Robinson

Matthew 25: 1 - 13

Reader is Ron

SERMON

"The Ten Bridesmaids"
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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:

"Thanksgiving Collage"
Created by Malachi Mouning and the Thanksgiving Boxes Project

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

(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

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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
Dorine DeCarli, Director of Faith Formation
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Pastor Shawn may be reached for normal church communications by calling the office at 860-242-0776 ext. 201 or by email at fishersr@comcast.net.

We are also on Facebook and YouTube!



