**GATHERED FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE, OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME, & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP IN SONG**

**SONG: *“****Hallelujah”****[[1]](#footnote-1)***

Verse 1: ***Your love is amazing; Steady and unchanging; Your love is a mountain; Firm beneath my feet; Your love is a myst'ry; How You gently lift me; When I am surrounded***

***Your love carries me***

Chorus: ***Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah; Your love makes me sing; Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah; Your love makes me sing***

Verse 2: ***Your love is surprising; I can feel it rising; All the joy that's growing***

***Deep inside of me; Ev'ry time I see You; All Your goodness shines through; I can feel this God song; Rising up in me***

**SONG:** *“I Know,”* Big Daddy Weave

**HYMN:** *“Sanctuary”*

***Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.***

***With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.***

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Holy God, we confess that in a world of busyness and brokenness we often feel detached from the ways of your kingdom. We are often too rushed to see the greatness of small acts and too preoccupied to prioritize your values of mercy, forgiveness, compassion, and justice. Forgive us, we ask, and renew your Spirit within us so that we might carry the hope of your faithful love into each moment of our days. Lead us to seek your kingdom now and at all times. Amen**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PASSING OF PEACE**

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**ROMANS 8:31-37** What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.\* 35Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’ 37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52** He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’ 33 He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with\* three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’ 44 ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 51 ‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ 52And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*HYMN:** *“Seek Ye First”* (insert)

**LITURGY OF BAPTISM** (insert)

**JOYS & CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, in your mercy… **Hear our prayers.**

**OFFERING**: Thank you for [supporting our ministries!](https://trumbullcongregationalchurch.breezechms.com/give/online)



**SENT TO SERVE**

**SONG:** *“I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever[[2]](#footnote-2)”*

Verse: ***Over the mountains and the sea; Your river runs with love for me; And I will open up my heart; And let the Healer set me free; I'm happy to be in the truth; And I will daily lift my hands; For I will always sing; Of when Your love came down yeah***

Chorus:***I could sing of Your love forever; I could sing of Your love forever; I could sing of Your love forever; I could sing of Your love forever***

Bridge: ***Oh I feel like dancing; It's foolishness I know; But when the world has seen the light; They will dance with joy like we're dancing now***

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**



***To add to our prayer list please email Pastor Tim with a brief description of your prayer. Please indicate if you would like the prayer to be listed on an ongoing basis. tim.hare@trumbullcc.org.***

~Rev. Fred Jackson, Tim’s friend, experiencing health concerns

~Eric Farrell who struggles with his dialysis treatments while continuing his search for a live

kidney donor: learn more at ynhh.org/organdonation or 866-925-3897.

~Herb Gratrix, continued healing

~Muirgheal Coffin, prayers for continued good health as she struggles with Epilepsy

~Ilana Ofgang, health concerns

~Rose Heiser, Angela Hare’s mother, struggling with health concerns

~Keisa McPartland, recovering from surgery in treatment of her cancer

~Mike Rovello and family, grieving the recent loss of Mike’s mother

~Michelle Consolati, recovering from hip surgery

~Christine Plumeau and family mourning the death of Chris’ sister, Lisabeth Ann Weber

~Kirsten Nestro and family, including her mother, Dorothy. Kirsten’s father, Peter, is at home with

hospice care.

~The family of Anthony Gruttadauria, mourning his recent passing.

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**GIVING CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Please help us build upon our recent growth and support our ministries by submitting a pledge. Pledge forms have been emailed out, but if the message hasn’t reached you, we’ll be glad to send it upon request. You can also find pledge cards in the sanctuary by the offering box. Pledge cards can be placed in the offering box. Currently, we’ve received 45 pledges for $111,635!!**

**FOOD COLLECTION: Jelly and cereal are needed by Nourish Bridgeport. Please bring donations throughout the summer and leave in the narthex.**

**PASTORAL COVERAGE: Pastor Tim is on vacation from July 31-Aug. 13. Emergency pastoral care is available as follows:**

**Rev. Caroly Gibson: Aug. 1-4, 7-10. Call her at 203-522-9856**

**Rev. Brian Bodt: Available all days except: 7/28, 8/5, 8/9, 8/10. Call 203-747-1781**

**Rev. Kathleen Mills: Call 207-213-3576**

**OFFICE HOURS: Please feel free to reach out to Lisa – Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-12pm at 203-268-2433 or at office@trumbullcc.org**

1. *CCLI Song # 3091812 Brown, Doerksen © 2000 Vineyard Songs License # 11353163* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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