**GATHERED FOR WORSHIP**

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

**WORSHIP IN SONG**

**SONG:***“Oh Lord You're Beautiful”*

Verse 1

***Oh Lord You're beautiful, Your face is all I seek***

***And when Your eyes are on this child, Your grace abounds to me***

Bridge

***I want to take Your Word, And shine it all around***

***First help me just to live it Lord, And when I'm doing well***

***Help me to never seek a crown, For my reward is giving glory to You***

Verse 2

***Oh Lord please light the fire, That once burned bright and clear***

***Replace the lamp of my first love, That burns with holy fear***

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**SONG:***“Wildflowers,”* Tom Petty

**\*HYMN:** *“Morning Has Broken”*  (insert)

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (prayer published at brucepower.com)

**Look upon us, loving Savior, sift our thoughts and assess our feelings.**

**Whatever you see**

**as self-righteous, censure,**

**as twisted, straighten,**

**as heartless, soften,**

**as fruitless, prune,**

**as infected, cleanse.**

**Flood your Spirit through our whole being, sweeping away guilt and its lethargy,**

**and by the saving grace of Christ Jesus, heal the hidden springs of our personality.**

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

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**ACTS 8:26-40** Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south\* to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) 27So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ 30So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ 31He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:
‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
 so he does not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.
 Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.’
34The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ 35Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 36As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’\* 38He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip\* baptized him. 39When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**JOHN 15:1-8**  ‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes\* to make it bear more fruit. 3You have already been cleansed\* by the word that I have spoken to you. 4Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become\* my disciples.

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*HYMN:** #425*“For the Fruit of All Creation”*

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

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

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  **SENT TO SERVE**

**SONG: “***Days Of Elijah”*

Verse 1

***These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the Word of the Lord***

***And these are the days, Of Your servant Moses***

***Righteousness being restored, And though these are days***

***Of great trials, Of famine and darkness and sword***

***Still we are the voice, In the desert crying***

***Prepare ye the way of the Lord***

*Chorus*

***Behold He comes, Riding on the clouds***

***Shining like the sun, At the trumpet call***

***So lift your voice, It's the year of Jubilee***

***And out of Zion's hill, Salvation comes***

Verse 2

***And these are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh***

***And these are the days, Of Your servant David***

***Rebuilding a temple of praise, And these are the days of the harvest***

***The fields are as white in the world, And we are the labourers***

***In Your vineyard, Declaring the Word of the Lord***

Bridge

***There is no god like Jehovah, There is no god like Jehovah***

***There is no god like Jehovah, There is no god like Jehovah (hey)***

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Thank you for worshiping with us at TCC!

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*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.

~Herb Gratrix, continued healing

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

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

~Stephanie Marko, Jo Ann Hunt’s friend, who lost her son (48 years old) to heart failure

~Karolina Szabo’s sister, Irma, experiencing health concerns

~Charlotte Coe and family, Jo Ann Hunt's friend with dementia and cancer

~The family of Stacey Tellis, especially Matt, TJ, and Andrew, grieving her recent death.

~The parents of Paul Nestro, experiencing health concerns

~The Kitchener family, grieving the loss of Lesley’s father

~Robin Nelson, Donna Feller’s friend, struggling with a serious infection

~The Toth family grieving the loss of George Toth

~Denise Toth, prayers for healing after suffering a stroke

~Angela Hare, recovering from knee surgery #2 on April 25

~Brian Smith, Wendy Corris's brother-in-law & long time friend of Barbara DeAngelo,

 who is dealing with another cancer diagnosis.

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**\*MEN’S BREAKFAST: Save the date: Saturday, May 4th at 8:30am at “That 50’s Diner” in Bridgeport. We meet on the first Saturday of every month - remember, breakfast is the most important meal of the day. MEN, LET’S HANG OUT! RSVP to** **mikelaar13@gmail.com****.**

**\*WOMEN’S LUNCHEON: Wednesday, May 1st at 12 pm. - Bring a bagged lunch - coffee and dessert will be provided. All are invited ~ We hope to see you there!!!**

**\*CROP HUNGER WALK: Save the date: May 5, 1:30-4pm. Shall we walk together with area congregations to fight hunger with Church World Service? If you are interested in joining a team of walkers please contact** **tim.hare@trumbullcc.org****.**

**\*HOUSE CHURCH: MAY 8: Please join us at the home of Chip and Alice Warren at 7pm for casual fellowship with refreshments followed by a time of discussion around a scripture passage, prayer, and Communion. House church is a fun way to build upon our friendships and cultivate faith.**

**\*CONCERT ON THE LAWN: JUNE 2: Join us from 1-3pm as we welcome The Low Darts to TCC for our summer kickoff concert. Enjoy baked items, local beer & refreshments, great company and a 50/50 raffle. TCC “partners” like TPAUD, YAY, My Friend Abby, nOURish Bridgeport and others will be there as well. Share the news, bring friends, and enjoy a festive afternoon!**

**\*“ALL CREATION SINGS” HYMN FESTIVAL: The Yale Institute for Sacred Music is hosting a free concert in Woolsey Hall on May 5 at 4pm. A choir of 300 voices will sing hymns to celebrate the diversity of creation and our duty to care for it. Learn more at** [**https://ism.yale.edu**](https://ism.yale.edu)**.**

**\*A UCC EVENING WITH ELLIS PAUL: Save the date of Sunday, June 2 at 4pm for a special concert at the First Congregational Church of Danbury. Singer/songwriter, Ellis Paul, will offer songs and reflections meant to entertain and inspire. This free event is sponsored by the Fairfield East Association for all of its member churches and friends. A reception follows.**

**\*NURSERY HELP: Nursery care is a great offering at TCC, but in order to continue we NEED members to volunteer to be the 2nd adult in the room. Our “Safe Church” policy requires it. Please sign up on our website under “volunteer.”**

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