**GATHERED FOR WORSHIP**

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

**\*HYMN:** #304 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Holy God, guide us to seek your kingdom. Lead us into the goodness of your love. Teach us to trust in your ways. For, we confess that we are prone to seeking our fulfillment outside of you and to trusting more in our own designs. Help us to release our grip on self so that we might be open to the movement of your Spirit within us. Draw us into the abundance of your presence so that others might know your grace and goodness through the witness of our lives. Amen**

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

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**1 SAMUEL 15:34-16:13** Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. 35Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. 16The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’ 2Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.’ And the Lord said, ‘Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.” 3Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.’ 4Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, ‘Do you come peaceably?’ 5He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.’\* 7But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’ 8Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ 9Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’ 10Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’ 11Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ 12He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ 13Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**MARK 4:26-34** 26 He also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’ 30 He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’ 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*HYMN:** #391 *“In the Midst of New Dimensions” (vs. 1-4)*

**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**

**HYMN:** #43 **“***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

**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](mailto:tim.hare@trumbullcc.org).

~Herb Gratrix, continued healing

~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 parents of Paul Nestro, experiencing health concerns

~The Toth family grieving the loss of George Toth

~Denise Toth, prayers for healing after suffering a stroke

~Angela Hare, recovering from knee surgeries

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

who is dealing with another cancer diagnosis.

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

~The family of Shirley Knecht, grieving her recent death.

~Ian and Jacqueline Sugrue-Tait and Griffin (6th months) who struggles with significant

health issues



***\*THANK YOU!!* Thank you to our guest organist, Juliann Janowski, for sharing her time and talents with us this morning.**

***\*LOVE ONE ANOTHER, SUPPORTING THE “TCC EXPERIENCE”:*  Our giving campaign for the 2024-2025 program year is well underway. As of June 4 we’ve collected \_\_\_\_\_ Giving Estimates for $\_\_\_\_\_\_ in support of our life together as a congregation. Our goal is to exceed 46 giving units and to raise over $121,000. We are making good progress! Please let the office know if you would like a link to our online giving estimate form or simply use a hard copy form by the offering box.**

***LEMONADE ON THE LAWN:* Starting on June 23 we’ll host our fellowship time after worship on the patio by the church entrance. Please continue to sign up for “Coffee Hour” on our website. It’s as simple as making a cooler of lemonade and putting out some cookies. Instructions will be updated on the Signup Genius, which appears once you click on “Coffee Hour” on our Volunteer tab.**

***\*FEEL THE WARMTH:* Due to a change in schedule with nOURish Bridgeport our next FTW date is Thursday, July 25. Please sign up on our website for food prep (3:15-5:30) or dinner service (5:30-7pm.) You’ll be glad you did!**

***\*SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CARE:* Today is our final day for both programs until the program year begins again in September. Children are always welcome at TCC and encouraged to participate in worship. The nursery remains available, as does the Round Room, for parents who wish to bring their young ones.**

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