**GATHERED FOR WORSHIP**

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

**\*HYMN:**  *“We Gather Together” (insert)*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (based on Mark 9)

**Christ Jesus, we come into your presence from many different places.**

**We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude.**

**We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering.**

**As you welcome us into your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise.**

**Salt us with your grace and flavor us with your mercy.**

**Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another**

**and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world.**

**In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*SILENT CONFESSION**

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

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**PSALM 124** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say— 2 if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, 3 then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; 4 then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; 5 then over us would have gone the raging waters. 6 Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. 8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**MARK 9:38-50** John said to him, ‘Teacher, we saw someone\* casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.’ 39But Jesus said, ‘Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. 40Whoever is not against us is for us. 41For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 42 ‘If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me,\* it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell,\* to the unquenchable fire.\* 45And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.\*,\* 47And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,\* 48where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 49 ‘For everyone will be salted with fire.\* 50Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?\* Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.’

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*HYMN:** #493 *“O Jesus I have Promised”*

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

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

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**SENT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN:** #439 *“A Mighty Fortress”*

**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.

~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

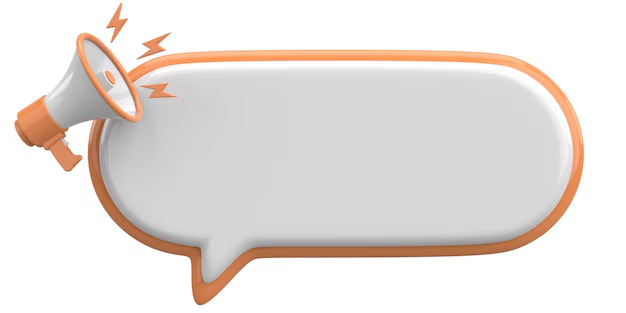
~The parents of Paul Nestro, experiencing health concerns

~Maria Coffin, prayers for healing and peace as she goes through chemotherapy

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

~Ian and Jacqueline Sugrue-Tait and Griffin, their youngest, who struggles with significant health

issues

~Rev. John Russell, former TCC Pastor, experiencing health concern

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***\*THANK YOU !!! -*Special thanks to our guest organist this morning, Juliann Janowski,**

**for sharing her time and talents.**

**\**COFFEE HOUR:*  Join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Round Room. Please sign up online to host a Sunday. It’s easy, and the fellowship time makes a big difference to our time together. Instructions are on the Signup Genius.**

***\*WOMEN’S LUNCHEON:*  The women’s group will be meeting on Wednesday October 2nd. at 12:00 at Old Towne Restaurant. Please RSVP to Barbara or Karolina as we will need to make reservations in advance - we hope to see you there !!!**

***\*MEN’S BREAKFAST*: Join us at the Famous 50’s Diner in Bridgeport at 8:30am on Saturday, Oct. 5. RSVP to Mike Rovello (**[**mikelaar1@gmail.com**](mailto:mikelaar1@gmail.com)**) so we reserve enough seats.**

***\*SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CARE*: Both programs launched this month! A big Welcome Back to all our young people, to Angela Hare our Sunday school teacher, and to Alison Jack, our Nursery provider.  *Please remember that we ALWAYS need a second adult in our classrooms. Signups are on our website.***

***\*BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!*: All pets are welcome to join us at 3pm on Oct. 20 for worship and a blessing. Paw stamps and certificates along with pet toys will be available in support of our Sunday school program. A local dog rescue/adoption agency will be present as well. More details to come, but save the date and invite friends!**