**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:***“Let the Circle Be Wide,”* Tommy Sands

Chorus

***Let the circle be wide 'round the fireside***

***And we'll soon make room for you***

***Let your heart have no fear, there are no strangers here,***

***Just friends that you never knew***

***We will travel along on the wings of a song***

***With a mind that' is open and free***

***If we close our eyes to the other side***

***We're just half of what we could be***

Chorus

***Shake the hand of the man from the far distant land***

***Meet him and treat him well, And the young girl so fair with the wind in her hair,***

***She's got a story to tell***

Chorus

***There are songs to be sung, there are rafters to be rung,***

***There is reason to rosin your bow, There are stories of old and new ones to be told***

***To carry away when you go.***

Chorus

***So we'll pass the bottle 'round and we'll drink another round.***

***That our friendship will always remain, For how can you tell when we say our farewells***

***When will we all meet again?***

**\*HYMN:** *“Christ Be Our Light” vs. 1&2 (insert)*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Holy God, there is much that divides us and pulls us apart. We are ever tempted to see ourselves and one another in isolation and competition. Forgive us, we ask, and grant us grace that we might look upon the world through your eyes. Guide us into a spirit of unity that we might more fully know your ever-present love in our midst. Amen**

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

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**GENESIS 15:1-6**  After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ 2But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’\* 3And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ 4But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ 5He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ 6And he believed the Lord; and the Lord \* reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**LUKE 13:31-35** At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ 32He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me,\* “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. 33Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” 34Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 35See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when\* you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*HYMN: “***The Summons”*(Kelvingrove)

Verse 1

***Will you come and follow Me, If I but call your name***

***Will you go where you don't know, And never be the same***

***Will you let My love be shown, Will you let My name be known***

***Will you let My life be grown, In you and you in Me***

Verse 2

***Will you leave yourself behind, If I but call your name***

***Will you care for cruel and kind, And never be the same***

***Will you risk the hostile stare, Should your life attract or scare***

***Will you let Me answer prayer, In you and you in Me***

Verse 3

***Will you let the blinded see, If I but call your name***

***Will you set the prisoners free, And never be the same***

***Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen***

***And admit to what I mean, In you and you in Me***

Verse 4

***Will you love the you you hide, If I but call your name***

***Will you quell the fear inside, And never be the same***

***Will you use the faith you've found, To reshape the world around***

***Through My sight and touch and sound, In you and you in Me***

Verse 5

***Lord Your summons echoes true, When You but call my name***

***Let me turn and follow You, And never be the same***

***In Your company I'll go, Where Your love and footsteps show***

***Thus I'll move and live and grow, In You and You in me***

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**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)

Offerings are gratefully received in the box in the back of the sanctuary, via QR code, or by US post.



**SENT TO SERVE**

**SONG: “***King Of Love”*

Verse 1

***The King of Love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never***

***I nothing lack if I am His, And He is mine forever, And He is mine forever***

Verse 2

***Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth***

***And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth***

Chorus

***Never failing Ruler of my heart, Everlasting Lover of my soul***

***On the mountain high or in the valley low, The King of Love my Shepherd is***

***The King of Love my Shepherd is***

Verse 3

***Lost and foolish off I strayed, But yet in love He sought me***

***And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me***

Verse 4

***In death's dark veil I fear no ill, With Thee dear Lord beside me***

***Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me***

Bridge

***Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah, Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah***

Verse 5

***And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never***

***Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise, Within Your house forever***

***Within Your house forever***

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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](mailto: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

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

Issues. Prayers also for Jacqueline’s father, experiencing health concerns

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

~Marlene, Amy Ronge’s friend, healing prayers as she undergoes cancer treatment

~The Consolati family, grieving the death of Michelle’s mother, Gail Winick

~Eric Farrell, recovering from surgery

~ Ruth Knecht, receiving treatment for cancer

~ Michelle Monlar, experiencing health concerns

~ Joan Trefz, undergoing treatments for cancer

~ The family of Nancy Szwejkowski mourning her recent death

~ The Cappello family grieving the death of their son & brother, Josh

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\**PASTORS’ PLUNGE: TODAY’S THE DAY !!!* Plungers are welcome and all are invited to join us at Pinewood Lake on March 16 at 3pm. For registration information contact Pastor Tim. An easy way to donate is the “Make a Donation” button at** [**www.trumbullcc.org**](http://www.trumbullcc.org)**. Use the dropdown option for “Pastors’ Plunge 2025.”**

***\*CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:* On Sunday, April 6 following coffee hour we’ll have a Congregational Meeting to review the state of church finances and vote on a proposal to list and sell the parsonage. The purpose of this sale is for the sake of greater financial security in the present and near future. It is also a step in a process of discerning a long-term strategic use of our campus, which will meet church and community needs while advancing our mission.**

***\*LENTEN OUTREACH EFFORT:*  March 9-Sunday, April 13 we’ll focus on different programs run by the Trumbull Department of Human Services. Last week we raised $130 in support of emergency financial assistance for Trumbull residents. This week we’re supporting our town’s “Postvention” work, which responds to suicide loss and offers support resources to grieving families. In addition, non-perishable food donations for the Trumbull Food Pantry will be received in the narthex throughout Lent.**

***\*DISCERNING OUR VOICE IN DIVIDED TIMES:* Please join us after coffee hour, starting TODAY, for important conversations around political and social concerns that we are feeling during these strained times. Let’s figure out together the role our faith plays in our collective voice. We’ll create a safe place to share thoughts and to listen to one another in hopes of discerning our way forward. Gatherings will last an hour and 30 minutes (max) and will include lunch and childcare.**

***\*SUNDAY BRUNCH?:* Bring your TCC bulletin to Antonio’s Italian Kitchen and Bar (the old Parker location) for a 10% discount. This offer is ongoing! Say thanks to Peter, the manager.**

**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).