



The Haydenville Congregational Church

Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors

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*As you prepare for worship, you are invited to
light a prayer candle or write down a Joy or
Concern. Please silence your cell phone.*

October 15, 2017 • 10:00 am

Prelude Jeff Olmsted

Welcome Bev Orluske and Pastor Chris

Gathering Hymn* *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* Chalice Hymnal #100

Stewardship Moment Members of the Stewardship Committee

Anthem *"Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate The Positive"* By Harold Arlen and Johnny Mercer

Offering Laine Wilder

Circle Song[^] *"To give and to receive are one in truth."*

Doxology* *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* Chalice Hymnal #50 (Music #49)
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Singing the Children to
Children's Church** *"O go in beauty; peace be with you 'till we meet again in the light."*

Scripture Reading Eleanor Warnock

Philippians 4:1-13

One Voice: *For the word of God in Scripture, for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,*
All Voices: *Thanks be to God.*

Song of Preparation *"Let the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your
sight, O Lord."*

Sermon *"Joy Insurance"* Pastor Chris

Sermon Response Time

Musical Response

Prayers of the People Pastor Chris and Heather King

Pastoral Prayer *Our Mother/Father/Creator God who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.*
The Lord's Prayer (*please use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with*)

Sung Response *"Lord in your mercy hear our prayer."*

News of the Community Jim Foudy

Sending Hymn* *"Now Thank We All Our God"* Chalice Hymnal #715

Benediction* Pastor Chris

Postlude Jeff Olmsted

Our Worship Is Over - Now Our Service Begins

** Please rise if you are comfortable doing so.*

Philippians 4:1-13

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through God who strengthens me.

~New Revised Standard Version

Today's Worship Service Leaders

Deacons of the Month: Mariel Addis and Susan Farrell

Trustee of the Month: Carol Shaw

Ushers: Nancy Winner and Jen Miller-Antill

Greeters: Tatum Hathaway, Holland Pomputius, Karla Hathaway, and Marti Pomputius

Children's Church Leaders: Karen Guiel, Carla Imperial, and Andrew Geery

Welcome Visitors! • We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning! Please take a moment to fill out the visitor slip found in your bulletin and place it in the Offering plate or hand it to Pastor Chris on our Hug and Handshake Line at the close of worship. We love to know who is in worship, and we'd love to connect. Then stick around today for some refreshments in the Dining Room!

FYI: Some Things For You to Know About Our Church • Our **all-gender restrooms** are located through the doors at the front of the Sanctuary. Our accessible bathroom with a diaper changing station is located in the Dining Room. The door by the piano is the closest, and leads to a ramp. Feel free to go in-and-out of the worship service as needed.

For your comfort, **blankets, shawls, and hand fans** are available in baskets at the front and rear of the Sanctuary.

Children and babies are always welcome to remain in worship. If needed, there is a play space in the Narthex (Route 9 entrance). Nursery care and Children's Church are also available.

In our effort to be more welcoming to folks with allergies, we are a **"Fragrance-Reduced"** community. We thank you for refraining from wearing perfumes and colognes.

An **AED and First Aid Kit** are located in the **kitchen**.

Church Leadership: Ministers *All of us* • **Rev. Chris Mereschuk** *Acting Pastor* • **Jeff Olmsted** *Minister of Music* • **Kathy O'Connor** *Sexton* • **Linda Babcock** *Office Administrator, Church Scheduler* • **Rev. Yohah Ralph** *Minister of Outreach, Advocacy, and Pastoral Care* • **Carole Bull** *Member-in-Discernment* • **Rev. Dr. Peter Ives** *Theologian-in-Residence* • **Sam Icklan** *Church Moderator* • **Toby Davis** *Church Vice Moderator* • **Jo Cannon** *Treasurer* • **Nancy Winner** *Clerk* • **Jim Foudy** *Human Resources Coordinator* • **Carolyn du Bois and Shirley Sicurello** *Co-Chairs, Diaconate* • **Karin McGowan** *Chair, Trustees* • **Cate Shaw** *Chair, Pastoral Search Committee* • **Laurie Priest and Ann Loomis** *Co-Head Greeters* • **Cindy Dolgoff** *Head Usher* • **Sue Carbin** *Chair, Building Committee* • **Andrew Geery** *Chair, Children's and Family Ministries* • **Doug Renick** *Chair, Peace and Justice Steering Committee* • **Jackie Cloonan** *Coordinator, Snow Angels* • **Susan Farrell** *Coordinator, Green Angels* • **Nancy Winner** *Coordinator, Angel Wings* • **Linda Ziegenbein** *Coordinator, Interfaith Cot Shelter Meal* • **Laura Garcia** *Webmaster* • **Carla Imperial** *Cross Currents*



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Announcements

1. October Coffee Hour Hosts • Many thanks to **The Grateful Harvest** led by Tina Marini and Joanne Morgan for hosting our October Coffee Hour! See the new draft of the Coffee Klatch calendar to find your month. Contact Julie Salzman if you'd like to join a Klatch.

2. Haydenville UCC on Social Media • Tweet! Post! Check In! • Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at @haydenvilleucc and check out posts and pics from our Beloved Community. Tag #haydenvilleucc in your posts.

3. Haydenville at the Hot Chocolate Run • We are forming a church team to participate in this year's Hot Chocolate Run benefitting Safe Passage on **Sunday, December 3rd** (See other announcement about our 4:00 pm worship that day). You can register by going to <http://www.hotchocolaterun.com/register/>. Open the drop-down menu, and select Haydenville Church. The registration fee is \$30. If you would like to support our church team, go to our fundraising page at <https://www.hotchocolaterun.com/give/?tid=6453&eid=2457> and make a donation. Safe Passage is dedicated to creating a world free of domestic violence and relationship abuse. So are we.

4. Open Food Pantry • Help yourself to items from our Open Pantry shelves in the Dining Room. There are bags available in the kitchen. Take home what you need! We are also in need of food donations, especially breakfast foods, pasta and sauce, and canned fruit. Thank you all for your generosity!

5. Children's Church Reminder • While the Children's Church Director position is vacant, our Children's Church is being led by members and friends of our Beloved Community, and is running on a new schedule. For the first Sunday of the month, all children are invited to remain in worship with their adults (communion is served and is open to all). There will be classroom lessons on the second and third Sundays, and a fellowship time with art, games, and music on the fourth Sunday. When there is a fifth Sunday, all children are invited to help with prep for Cathedral in the Night. Your help and leadership is essential and greatly appreciated! You can sign up for one or more Sundays, and you don't need to have a child in the program in order to help out. Please contact Andrew Geery to sign up or for more information.

6. Note the Change: Need to Schedule Something at the Church? • If you need to reserve a meeting date and space for your group, please contact our Office Administrator **Linda Babcock** at office@haydenvillechurch.org. Many, many thanks to Sue Carbin for her countless years of handling the schedule, and to Laura Garcia for logging events on our website calendar!

Events

1. Exploring Membership Class Session #3 • TODAY following Worship • We will gather for our third and final session of the Exploring Membership Class in Pastor Chris's office following worship. We'll review what we've talked about so far and look at the New Member Ceremony.

2. Coming Out White (and Privileged) Discussion Group • Monday, October 16th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm • Upstairs in Children's Church • Join us for this continuing discussion about our own white privilege. We will share in eating potluck snacks and talking about how racism impacts our lives. All are welcome even if you have not been part of the group previously. Bring a snack if you can, but come anyway if you can't. Please RSVP to Johanna at [\(413\) 586-9485](tel:4135869485) or johannaruth@crocker.com.

3. Peace & Justice World Café • Thursday, October 19th from 6:00-8:00 pm • We're having a world café. It's a party. Thursday, October 19th, 6:00-8:00 pm, in the Dining Room. You are invited. Come for conversation about engagement, action, reflection and digestion. There will be food. If you plan to come and need child care please call Lisa Hall at (413) 297-2945.

4. Journey: a social and support group for people of all ages who identify as trans, gender queer, or two spirit will meet on **Thursday, October 19th from 6:00-7:30 pm** at the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence (USNF) 220 Main St., Northampton. Allies, significant others, family, and friends are welcome too. Use the side entrance. We meet in a conference room downstairs. The group is free. Journey is an outreach ministry of the Haydenville Congregational Church, UCC. For more info email: journeynorthampton@gmail.com

5. Exploring Worship Leadership Workshop • Sunday, October 22nd following Worship • Sanctuary • It takes many voices to craft and offer our worship liturgy every Sunday, and your voice is needed! Each worship service provides several opportunities to share creative reflections, welcome the congregation, inspire generosity, join in ritual, pray, and proclaim scripture. Pastor Chris will share tips for writing, public speaking, and the logistics of our worship. Everyone is invited to be a worship leader in this encouraging and grace-filled setting. If you have any interest in being a worship leader, then sign up with Pastor Chris by TODAY (Sunday, October 15th) to learn about how you can help "Widen Our Worship!"

6. Blue Moon Sunday • October 29th • Whenever there is a 5th Sunday in a month, we call it “Blue Moon Sunday,” offering opportunities for service and social justice witness. **Cathedral in the Night Meal Prep** • Following the worship service on October 29th, all are invited to **help prepare the dinner** for that evening's **Cathedral in the Night** service. Cathedral in the Night is an outdoor Christian community in downtown Northampton which seeks to create a safe place for all people. **Please also join us on October 29th at 5:00 pm** in front of First Churches in Northampton to help serve the meal and join in worship.

8. All Saints Sunday • Altar of Honor and Remembrance • Sunday, November 5th at 10:00 am • On All Saints Sunday, we take time to honor and remember the great “Cloud of Witnesses” that have pioneered the way for us. You are invited to bring a photo or memento representing someone in your life (living or deceased) who is among your personal “cloud.”

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8. Harvest Moon Chili Cook Off • Sunday, November 5th from 5:00-7:00 pm • Church Dining Room • Suggested Donation of \$10 per adult • Come sample a variety of chili, hear some great roots music, purchase some fabulous cookbooks, and support the church and the environment all at the same time! Our inaugural Harvest Moon Chili Cook Off will be a time of fellowship and fundraising with batches of chili cooked by local chefs from Bread Euphoria, Belly of the Beast, and others competing for a glamorous prize judged by WWLP’s Brian Lapis and other local celebrity judges. Local musicians will add a layer of entertainment. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the United Church of Christ Northeast Environmental Justice Center. Please see Pastor Chris, Trish LaFreniere, or Ann Loomis if you can help with set up or clean up.

9. Special Evening Worship • First Sunday of Advent • December 3rd at 4:00 pm • Please note that we will not hold our 10:00 am Worship Service on Sunday, December 3rd so that we can support the Hot Chocolate Run. Instead, we will hold a very special Worship Service in the Evensong style at 4:00 pm. We will light the Advent Wreath, share Communion, and enjoy some simple refreshments after the service in the Dining Room. Please join us!

Upcoming Worship Services

October 22nd • Pastor Chris preaching, “*God in the Rearview Mirror*” (Exodus 33:12-23)

October 29th • Blue Moon Sunday, Reformation Sunday, Stewardship Sunday • Pledge forms are distributed • Pastor Chris preaching, “*Harvest of Hope*” (Luke 10:1-9)

November 5th • All Saints Sunday, Communion, Intergenerational Worship • Pledge forms are returned and blessed • Pastor Chris preaching from Hebrews 11:1; 12:1-2

November 19th • “*Service of Gratitude*” • Worship led by the Men’s Fellowship

Worship Reflection Space