



Connecticut Farms

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rooted in History
Grounded in Love
Growing in Faith



The Sacrament of Last Supper, 1955, Salvador Dali

May 3, 2026
11:00 am
Communion Sunday



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An **asterisk** * in the bulletin invites all to **stand**. If unable to do so, please remain **seated**.

Childcare is available during worship service at the Nursery on the left side of Sanctuary.

Please fill out the information in the **red WELCOME FOLDERS** and leave the filled pages on top of folder.

Please find the **blue BIBLE AND HYMNAL** in the pew racks

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Leader, **People**)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

And also with you.

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;

God utters his voice; the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; Let us worship God.

*HYMN No.376, *Hymnal*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Indwelling God, we come before you as we center ourselves.

We thank you for the warmth, the loyalty, and the hope that bring us to this community.

You speak to us in the pull of conscience, the stab of regret, the thoughts about helping people we did not act on.

We ask for wisdom in dealing with our families and friends.

Help us to find the right balance and boundaries in expressing our love.

Forgive us for the times we have reacted harshly and threatened to walk away; help us keep trust and respect even in disagreement.

And forgive us when we too easily believe the worst about others.

Give us generosity of spirit and eyes of faith.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER *Pouring of baptismal water signifying God's cleansing grace*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear this good news: God approaches us like the father of the prodigal son, rushing to welcome us home with love, washing away the pain of estrangement with tears of joy.

In the name of that parable-teller, Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and restored.

* PRAISE TO GOD

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* CHORAL RESPONSE

"I am Loved"

**I am loved, I am loved, I can risk loving you
For the one Who knows me best loves me most
I am loved, you are loved. Won't you please take my hand
We are free to love each other. We are loved! We are loved!**

FIRST READING

Luke 8: 41-48.

New Testament p.68, Bible

SECOND READING

Romans 3: 21-31.

New Testament p.154, Bible

SERMON

Saved by Grace

Rev. Chris Iosso

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

Hymnal, p. 14

* HYMN NO.413, *Hymnal*

"All Who Love and Serve Your City"

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

* DOXOLOGY No.592, *Hymnal*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION AND THE CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Eucharist*)

THE SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, Hosanna in the highest.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION AND PARTAKING

*HYMN NO.280, *Hymnal*

"Amazing Grace"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Family of God"

**I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.
I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood.
Join hands together as we travel this sod.
For we're part of the family, the family of God**

*POSTLUDE

Grace and peace to all of you in worship this morning!

We hope you experience a warm welcome and nourishment for your spirit by word, music and prayer.

We invite you to refreshments at the Westminster Hall after the service worship.

Rev. Christian Iosso, PhD: Interim Minister

Dewey Moss: Director of Music

Ginny Lloyd, Liturgist

Communion Servers:

Anita Hsu, Allen Collins, Karen Drzik, Ginny Lloyd

Debbie Bloodgood, Head Usher

P R A Y E R R E Q U E S T S



Rebecca Abam Michael Augustitus Gordon Blake

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Leana Bonnie Family of Maria Salas

PRAYER REQUESTS can be picked up from the Sanctuary piano or in the Narthex. Please fill in and drop it in piano basket. Prayer request forms are also at the office.



C A L E N D A R

May 3-May 9

Sunday	May 3		
	9:00 am	Choir Practice	Choir Room
	10:00 am	Bible Study	
	11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Fellowship	Westminster Hall
	12:15 pm	Deacons Meeting	
	12:30 pm	Meditation with Steven Mele	
Monday	May 4		
	7:00 pm	Troop 168	Westminster Hall
Tuesday	May 5		
	6:00 pm	Pack 68 ASM	Cold Room
Wednesday	May 6		
	7:00 pm	Troop 68	GYM
Thursday	May 7		
	7:00 pm	Pastor Nominating Committee	
Friday	May 8		
	10:00 am	Nursery Mother's Day Celebration	Westminster Hall
Saturday	May 9		
		Pack 68 Advancement Ceremony	GYM

ARE YOU BEING CALLED? Nominations are up to elect new classes of elders, deacons, Nursery Board and committee heads. Please pick up nomination forms at Westminster Hall or at the office. Filled-up forms can be dropped off in the Basket on top of the Sanctuary piano. A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR ELECTIONS will ensue on **May 31, Sunday**, after worship.



CHURCH NEWS AND FUTURE EVENTS

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE DEACONS CLOTHING DRIVE. Despite the soaking rain, we were able to conduct the clothing drive successfully! We deeply appreciate Kyle Bloodgood and Logan Des Rochers for lifting those heavy bags of clothing, and to all our deacons and volunteers.

DEACONS MEETING TODAY, Sunday, May 3, after worship.

MEDITATION WITH STEVEN MELE Curb that mental chatter and still the mind. Join Steven Mele **today at 12:30 pm** as he guides us to find the inner kingdom within ourselves.

WEBSITE LIVESTREAM Visit www.CTFarmsChurch.org and click the *Livestream link* to watch the latest Sunday worship livestream. Tap into previous worship recordings on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ctfarms/ or YouTube www.youtube.com/@ConnecticutFarmsChurch

MISSION COMMITTEE: SEND US YOUR SUGGESTIONS! The Mission Committee is in the process of planning our 2026 programs/events. And we would like to know the following:

- Are there organizations that you work with and that we could consider working with us?
- And, if your organization is chosen, would you be willing to help in the event/program?

If you have a suggestion, please email Karen Drzik, Mission Chair at kdrzik@comcast.net. She will forward your suggestion to all on the committee for consideration.

WEBSITE GIVING Visit www.CTFarmsChurch.org and choose the *Giving link*. Debit or credit cards are accepted. Thank you for your generosity!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Share your talents! The Church invites all with technical skills, creative abilities, physical prowess and big hearts to maintain and elevate our church activities

HOOK AND NEEDLE is set on **May 12, Tuesday**. Join us as we knit afghans and blankets.

HEALTHY CHURCH SUMMIT Free Summit Online, **May 13, 1:00-4:00 pm ET**. Register at www.healthychurchsummit.com. Designed for ministry leaders and volunteers, learn practical insights from church leaders to build resilient teams, prevent burnout, and create sustainable systems. Discover modern techniques for church growth, including strategies to strengthen staff and volunteers while leading with clarity. Learn to embrace a growth mindset together.

FOOD PANTRY Food distribution is on **May 16, Saturday, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am**. We need pasta and pasta sauce, canned goods and breakfast items. We welcome volunteers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING is set on **May 17, Sunday**, after worship.

SESSION FOR MAY is on **May 20, Wednesday**, starting at 7:00 pm.

BOOK CLUB meets on **May 28 at 7:30 pm** to discuss our latest book, *The Correspondent*.

CONFIRMATION DAY Mark your calendars as we celebrate the confirmands on **June 7 during worship**.



SUMMER PICNIC

It's never too early to plan for summer! Summer picnic is set for **June 14**, Sunday, after worship. Please RSVP by *May 24*.



CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Christian T. Iosso, Ph.D., *Interim Pastor*
- Dewey Moss, *Music Director*
- Robert Hoffman, *Treasurer, Clerk of Session*
- Linda Bullock, *Financial Secretary*
- Cheryl Burger, *Nursery School Director*
- Velinda Harjono, *Church Secretary*
- Deacons, *Fellowship Coordinators*
- Nancy Disano, *Counting Committee*
- Janis Lewis, *Counting Committee*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Mark the dates! **July 27-31**. For kids entering Kindergarten until 5th Grade. Registration starts soon! More details to follow soon Volunteers much needed.

