

today

Flowers:

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Marjorie Van Dusen in loving memory of her mother, Jane Van Dusen, and in gratitude for her generous love to family.

10/21/2018 Worship Attendance:

8:00 – 16; 9:00 – 86; 10:30 – 132; Total = 234

Church School Attendance: 51

Total Attendance: 285

Our Pastor – Gene Ott

Music Director – Bridget Scarlato

Organist – Kari Miller

Contemporary Music Director – Dorothy Cowles

A Stephen Ministry Church

(See back of announcements for a full staff listing)

Early Communion Service

Simsbury United Methodist Church

*“Being Bold
and Speaking
Clearly”*



*“Be bold and mighty forces
will come to your aid.”*

- Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

**8:00 a.m.
Oct. 21, 2018**



10.21.18 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost/Ordinary Time

Worship Service – 8:00 a.m.

Welcome

Prelude | *Thy Word* by Amy Grant/Michael W. Smith, arr. Mark Hayes

◇ **Call to Worship**

One: O how manifold are the works of God.

All: The earth is full of God's glorious creation.

One: We are a part of God's magnificent design.

All: Let us bless and praise our great and good God.

◇ **Opening Hymn** | *God Hath Spoken by the Prophets #108*

◇ **Opening Prayer** | (unison)

God of mystery and majesty, you call all life into being. Call us to the places where we may best serve you. Call us to the service where we may follow you most closely. Amen.

First Lesson | Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c

Second Lesson | Mark 10:35–45

Message | *“Being Bold and Speaking Clearly”* Pastor Gene Ott

Hymn of Response | *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior #351*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer | Blue hymnal #895

HOLY COMMUNION

A Service of Word and Table | *Hymnal #12*

One: The Lord be with you,

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts,

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(There follows prayers of praise for God's acts of creation, concluding...we join with the song of unending praise, saying:) **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the highest, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”**

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Meal

Music during Communion | *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland* by Dietrich Buxtehude

Prayer After Receiving: **Eternal God, we give you thanks for this Holy Mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go now into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

◇ **Closing Hymn** | *I Sing the Mighty Power of God #152*

◇ **Benediction**

Friends, go with God. Do not worry about your status or your favor. Just go with God. Be assured that you are loved and highly favored. And may the grace of God, the love of Jesus and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forevermore. Amen.

◇ **Benediction Response** | *Go in Peace*

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy, celebrate new life. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Postlude | *La Rejouissance from “Fireworks Music”* by George Frideric Handel, arr. Robert Gower

You are invited to stay for the postlude

◇ *please stand as you are able*