

**Plainfield Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**

Worship Bulletin

Order of Worship

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Greetings & Announcements

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Call to Worship

One: To you, O GOD, we lift up the spirit of our whole selves.

All: **O God, we trust unashamedly in you; seeking that you be not ashamed of us;**

One: May we begin our Lenten journey together in right relationships;

All: **Teach us. Show us. Guide us in your paths. Grow us to know your ways more clearly.**

One: You are the God of our salvation and the Sustainer of good relations.

All: **For You we wait.**

One: May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us.

All: **Amen.**

Opening Song

Opening Prayer - in Unison

**As in days of old, Creator God,
we come to look for your signs of covenant promises.**

**Like the rainbow days of Noah,
we see and know your signs
and hear your voice again
directing us to places
of preparation and transformation
in our lives and in our world.**

**Thank you God,
for your covenant signs
in this season of Lent. Amen.**

Scripture Genesis 9:8-17 NRSV

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you

and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Call to Stewardship

Psalm 25:10 reminds us,

“All the paths of God are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep God’s covenant and decrees.”

Our church’s ministries are extensions of God’s love and faithfulness made possible through the generous giving of our time, energy, and money. With love let us offer our gifts to God.

Reminder of our Tithes and Offering

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Prayer of Dedication – in Unison

**God of all bounty and blessing,
receive our lives and our gifts
to be bounty and blessings
to you, our church, and the world. Amen.**

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Sermonic Message “Sometimes We Need a Reminder” – Pastor Joe Newton

Affirming Our Mission

We the members and friends of Plainfield Congregational Church United Church of Christ seek to embody and celebrate God’s love by being a community that lives Christ’s compassion and promotes justice, healing and wholeness of life; a joyous family where all are welcome to join together to grow in faith and love.

Closing Song

Benediction

Mindful of your mercy, forgiveness, and instruction, O God,
we go into the world renewed, refreshed,
and full of courage to be your people.
We go in peace to work for justice. Amen.

Chimes