

October 15, 2023



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Danbury church of Christ

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Call to Worship	Dan Garrick
Songs	Nick Godano
Communion	Lyle LaPlante
Sermon	Dominic Benetti
Closing	Eduardo Pena

Remembering All Jesus' Sacrifices

Each Lord's Day as we gather around the table, we commemorate Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God. As we partake of the bread and fruit of the vine that symbolizes His body and blood, I know my thoughts often turn to how He sacrificed both of those for our sake while on the cross of Calvary. And while the value of that sacrifice is beyond measure, if His death is all that we ever consider when we think of what Christ sacrificed for us, we run the risk of forgetting all the other things that He gave us and gave up for us.



The benevolence of Christ starts before His death, as Jesus used His whole life to show us how we should live. As our perfect example, Jesus was and is the author and perfecter of our faith as we read in **Hebrews 12:2**. Jesus' life gave us the perfect example to imitate as we live day-by-day as Paul writes in **1 Corinthians 11:1**, "Therefore be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ". He is also our example of how to overcome temptation as we are told in **Hebrews 4:15** "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who was tempted in all ways as we are, yet without sin."

Indeed, the benevolence of Christ extends back before even His life or death, *but even His existence on earth with us required sacrifice!*

Remember - Jesus was, is, and always will be eternal God. We are told that Jesus is the Word of God in **John Chapter 1:1** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then we read in **verse 14**, "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." Jesus - the Word - had to humble Himself from being with God the Father to come to this planet to be with us, with **Philippians 2:6-8** telling us that Jesus "who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking on the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." The Lord Jesus allowed Himself to be humbled, allowed Himself to be made lower than the angels for a little while (**Hebrews 2:7**). Can we imagine what this was like for eternal God to do this? Jesus sacrificed His position in Heaven and His outward appearance as God to become a human, yet He willingly did this so that He could show us the perfect way to live, be tempted in all our ways without sin, and then die as the perfect sacrifice to pay for the sins that we have committed. And Jesus knew all of this before the foundation of the earth was laid! Knowing what it would cost, God still chose to make us and give us life and free will, knowing that He would suffer because of us - and our amazing God loves us anyway.

So, as we gather and remember our Lord, let us do it with all of this in mind, that Jesus sacrificed for us not just in His death, but also in His life, and before His life. Yet, He loved us so much, He willingly humbled Himself to be found in our likeness, endured our temptations to give us a perfect template for living, and then gave up His life to pay for our sins.

Dominic Benetti



Closing

Minister Dominic Benetti	Coordinators
	Dan Garrick <i>Finance</i>
	Don Garrick <i>Fellowship</i>
	Elton Hodge <i>Benevolence</i>
	Jim Hopper <i>Worship</i>
	Ellen Bourne <i>Communications</i>

Prayer Request

- Karen Stanzione's son-in-law Jose Correia has an upcoming doctor's appointment next Thursday his team of doctors were able to make an appointment with his surgeon to discuss if it would be prudent for another liver transplant. Prayer for her daughter Kelly that her anxiety decreases and her faith increases
- Randy Walker's sister Becky her granddaughter Lizzie who is three years old fell and cut an artery. Lizzie continues to be in the NICU in Fort Worth and is no longer in a chemically induced coma. and appears to a happy little girl despite the train boo-boo as they refer to it. Lizzie has lost life in her toes and lower third of her left foot. Please pray that Lizzie's limb loss will not be greater and that healing continues without further infection. We are thankful for all the NICU staff, medical technology and fast action of a stranger (a marine) that saved Lizzie's life. Pray for comfort and peace for Lizzie's parents as they struggle with this injury to their daughter.
- Former Minister Jim Stamatis was placed in hospice care on Tues., Sept. 19th. ***Sad News*** Jim passed on Mon., Oct. 2nd. Pray for his wife Nell, his sons Steve and Ken their wives Deborah and Amy and the Stamatis family
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who has stage 4 pancreatic cancer is on a new regiment of chemo therapy. Becky is feeling good and will complete her last treatment in this series of chemo on Tues., Oct. 17th. The following week will be another CT scan to determine status of tumors and next steps.
- Continue prayers for Doug Vile who has been diagnosed with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and his wife Jere who is always by his side and a constant support
- Pray for safe travels for our congregation members
- Pray for our visitors
- The work in Mozambique and Zambia
- Pray for our missionaries and families
- Pray for our deacons, teachers, leaders, and each other

Praise and Thanksgiving

- Libby Kapelari who is 93 years old and a long time member of Danbury church Of Christ is still in the nursing home getting rehab. Her speech has become clearer and is responding well to physical therapy. She is receiving therapy for her walking. Her strength is coming back. Her appetite is good. Libby is doing well and inquires when is she going home but more rehab is required. At times she gets confused but overall her health is improving
- Libby Kapelari's daughter Anne Peterson is having trouble getting around due to the pain in her back, hips, and ribs. She is feeling a bit better

Services & Meetings: Week of October 15, 2023

Sunday AM Worship 9:30 am
Sunday AM Bible Classes for ALL AGES 11:00 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study
w/ Zoom component 7:00 pm— 8:00 pm
90 Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury, CT
Dominic Benetti

If you are interesting in attending via zoom
email: info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com

Event Calendar

Oct 15th	Fall Sing	4:00 pm—6:00 pm
	Hosted by Waterbury cOC 3211 North Main St— Waterbury, CT	
Oct 19th	Bowling Fellowship	12:00 pm—2:00 pm
	Strikers—840 Federal Rd—Brookfield, CT Contact : Michael P.	
Oct 21st	Ladies Prayer Breakfast	9:30 am—11:30 am
	If you are interested in attending Call: 203-743-4400 or Email: Info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com Contact: Marti H.	

Bible Classes

11:00 am —Sunday Classes for **ALL AGES**

Adult Upstairs Class

"Teaching on the Prophets series—Joel (cont.)" - *Dominic Benetti*

Ongoing Meeting (church building)

⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Rehearsals	Tues.	7:00 pm
⇒ Narcotics Anonymous	Thurs.	6:30 pm—9:30 pm
⇒ Al-Anon	Thurs.	7:00 pm—9:00 pm

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It's a chance for us to connect, come together to share, laugh and see each other as we unlock the bible together.

Come join us!



Weekly Fellowship

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Strikers
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