

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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10:00 AM

"We are a community in Christ, called to act with love toward our neighbors."

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(As we prepare for worship, we invite quiet contemplation of the Living God.)

**For those who are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT #184 (UCC-Red) "When I Needed a Neighbor"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #1 (UCC-Red) "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 25:3-9)

3 Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

***SONG OF PRAISE #338** (UCC-Red) (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

GOD MOMENT

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10: 25-37

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

“An Unexpected Friendship”

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

***HYMN #59 (NCH-Black)**

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - CONCERNS

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR GIFTS (Please send pledges & donations to the church via mail or use online giving through our website. Loose offerings go into the general church fund.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

***SONG OF PRAISE HYMN #780** Doxology (NCH – Black)

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Based on Deuteronomy 30)

May the Lord our God make us abundantly prosperous in all our undertakings, in the fruit of our body, in the fruit of our livestock, and in the fruit of our soil. For the Lord will again take delight just as he delighted in prospering our ancestors, when we obey the Lord our God by observing his commandments and decrees, and turn to the Lord our God with all your heart and with all our soul. Amen.

***HYMN #276 (UCC-Red)**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #812 (NCH-Black) “Threefold Amen”

Amen, Amen, Amen

POSTLUDE

WE EXTEND THE HAND of Christian fellowship to all who have come to worship in this Welcoming, Open and Affirming congregation. May our prayers and the hearing of God's Word make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed.

If you are visiting for the first time, we welcome you.

OUR THANKS to Jon Clinch and all who participated in our service this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Wayne Davis and Sarah Moore in memory of Judy Lasell.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED! Please sign up on the flower sign-up list on the table in the entrance or call Cynthia King 802-885-5831.

CHECK OUT our new church web site: firstchurchspringfield.org and our YouTube channel First Church Springfield 4738 (@firstchurchspringfield4738)

TO JOIN OUR ONLINE LIVE WORSHIP SERVICE EACH SUNDAY AT 10 AM, CLICK ON THE LINK FOR OUR NEW WEBSITE:

www.firstchurchspringfield.org

Note that a copy of the bulletin and hymns are available midway on the homepage.

Click on Worship on the homepage and it will take you to our Facebook page and a live video. Click on the video.

Glad you can worship with us!

CHOIR meets to raise our voices on the final Sunday of each month, rehearsing at 9 AM just before worship. All are welcome to join.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE:

Those words can mean most anything. Would you or someone you know benefit from prayers, home visits, help with shopping, rides to appointments, prepared meals, food to help you over a hard time? If you have such a need, or know someone who does, please contact Congregational Care chair, Claire Trask at 886-7377.

PRAYER LIST	Marlene	Jaz	Martha	Jocelyn
	Helen	Jeff	Amie and Nicole	Wesley
	All others in need			

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!

July	13	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
July	17	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	10:00 AM
July	20	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Tues. & Wed. 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

PASTOR'S HOURS

Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

STAFF

Pastor: Michael Mario
Administrative Assistant: Michelle Hamlin
Sexton: Todd Murray

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