

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."

NINTH 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 #218 (UCC-Red) "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN #13 (NCH-Black)** "O My Soul, Bless Your Creator"

OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, as we worship today, may we be lifted up into your loving arms, buoyed by your Holy Spirit, and bound together in your love, through your son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards; give me an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give me an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon me also, O Lord my God, understanding to know thee, diligence to seek thee, wisdom to find thee, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace thee.

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 MOMENTS

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

"Treasured Treasures, Pt. 2"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

*HYMN #3 (UCC-Red)

"We Praise Thee, O God"

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

Dear God, may the treasures that we share be matched by the love which brings us together in your name. As we make use of our resources to further our mission on earth, we are grateful for the bounty which you have bestowed upon us. Thanks be to you, O Lord. Amen

*HYMN #233 (UCC-Red)

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

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 Kyle Washburn and all who participated in our service this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Heidi and Michael Mario, in celebration of the beauty of God's creation.

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!

Aug	10	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Aug	14	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	10:00 AM
Aug	17	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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