

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."

SIXTEENTH 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

INTROIT #141 (Red) "Beautiful Savior"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to God who gathers us in

PEOPLE: **WE COME TO THE GOD WHO NURTURES US.**

Leader: Come to God whose arms are open and waiting.

PEOPLE: **WE COME TO THE GOD WHO WELCOMES AND FORGIVES US.**

Leader: We come to God who sees as we really are and loves us anyway.

PEOPLE: **COME PRAISE OUR NURTURING, FORGIVING, LOVING GOD**

***HYMN #34 (Red)** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LOVING GOD, WE CONFESS THAT OUR RELATIONSHIPS ARE NOT ALWAYS LOVING. WE HAVE BEEN TOO SELFISH; WE HAVE GIVEN TOO MUCH; WE HAVE ACCEPTED TOO LITTLE. WE HAVE LET SIN DRIVE US AWAY FROM ONE ANOTHER AND FROM YOU. WE LONG FOR WHOLENESS AND PEACE IN OUR LIVES IN JESUS' NAME. FORGIVE US AND RESTORE US. MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT PULL US TO YOU, WITH MERCY AND GRACE, AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God relentlessly seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

***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

Luke: 16:19-31
Genesis 1:1-5

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES (Teachers and classes leave for Church School)

SERMON

“In the Beginning”

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

***HYMN #28 (Red)**

“I Sing the Mighty Power of 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 - ANTHEM

“This Little Light of Mine”

***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

***HYMN 29 (Red)**

“Morning has Broken”

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “One In Love”

One in love, one in friendship true,
One in hope, one in spirit, too,
One in faith that God will care for you
Till we meet together again.

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 Rev. Paul Sangree, Jon Clinch, the choir, and all who participated in our service this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Cynthia King.

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	Sheila
	Helen	Jeff	Amie and Nicole	Wesley	Ted
	All others in need				

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!

Sep	28	Sunday Worship – Paul Sangree	10:00 AM
Oct	1	“Acoustic Worship” Musical Service	5:00 PM
Oct	2	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	10:00 AM
Oct	5	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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: Sheila Turner
Sexton: Todd Murray

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