

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."

NINETEENTH 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 #293 (UCC-Red) "Unto the Hills I Lift Mine Eyes"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #276 (UCC-Red) "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 121)

- 1 I will lift up my eyes to the mountain, from where my help shall come.
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, Who has made Heaven and Earth.
- 3 He will not allow your foot to slip. He Who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 Behold, He Who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The LORD is your Keeper. The LORD is your shadow at your right hand.
- 6 The Sun shall not strike you by day, nor the Moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil. He shall keep your soul.
- 8 The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in, from henceforth and forever.

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 MOMENTS

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 32:22-31
Luke 18:1-8

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

SERMON

“Graceful Persistence”

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

***HYMN #281** (NCH-Black)

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

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

Dearest God, in gratitude for our lives and relationships, we give of ourselves that we may further your works on this earth, in anticipation of eternal life in you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN #25** (NCH-Black)

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

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

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Diane Holme

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!

Oct	19	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Oct	23	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	10:00 AM
Oct	26	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Nov	1	Clean-Up Day	9:30 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
PASTOR'S HOURS

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