

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."

TWENTY-SECOND 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 # 315 (NCH-Black) "O Word of God Incarnate"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN # 15 (UCC-Red) "Come, Thou Almighty King"

OPENING PRAYER (From Psalm 107)

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

those he redeemed from trouble

3 and gathered in from the lands,

from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes,

finding no way to an inhabited town;

5 hungry and thirsty,

their soul fainted within them.

6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

and he delivered them from their distress;

35 He turns a desert into pools of water,

a parched land into springs of water.

36 And there he lets the hungry live,

and they establish a town to live in;

37 they sow fields, and plant vineyards,

and get a fruitful yield.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances;
and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

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

Job 19:23-27a
Luke 20:27-38

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

"Wonderful, Marvelous, God"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

*HYMN # 454 (NCH-Black)

"Lord. I Want To Be a Christian"

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

***HYMN # 275 (UCC-Red)** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Warren Cross in memory of his daughter Karen.

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
	Elmer	Claire	All others in need		

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!

Nov	9	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Nov	13	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	10:00 AM
Nov	16	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
PASTOR'S HOURS

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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