

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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February 15, 2026

10:00 AM

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

## LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

*(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 #312 (UCC-Red)                   “Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN #19 (UCC-Red)                   “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

OPENING PRAYER    (Psalm 99)

1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble;  
**The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**  
2 The Lord is great in Zion;  
**The Lord is high above all peoples.**  
3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;  
**The Lord is the Holy One.**  
4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**"  
5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool;  
**The Lord is the Holy One.**  
6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,  
**they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**  
7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
**they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**  
8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;  
**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**  
9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill;  
**for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
According to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.  
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.  
Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. 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

Exodus 24:12-18  
Matthew 17:1-9

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

##### SERMON

"Up the Mountain"

#### PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

##### \*HYMN #14 (UCC-Red)

"O Splendour of God's Glory Bright"

### 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 Lord, your light shines brightly in our lives. Allow our gifts to reflect your light and love into the dim places where your goodness is needed most of all. Lord, we praise you, we bless you, we glorify with joyous sharing of your light. Thanks be to Holy God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, three in one. Amen.

\*HYMN #425 (NCH-Black)      "For the Fruit of All Creation"

## 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: **Barb Lacey Happy Valentine's Day!!**

**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 church web site: [firstchurchspringfield.org](http://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](http://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.

<b>PRAYER LIST</b>	Jaz	Martha	Jocelyn	Sheila
	Helen	Jeff	Amie and Nicole	Wesley
	Ted	Elmer	Claire	Cynthia
	Dan	Ellen		
	All others in need			

#### **COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!**

Feb	15	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Feb	18	Ash Wednesday Service at UMC	4:00 PM
Feb	19	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
Feb	22	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
**PASTOR'S HOURS**

Tues. & Wed. 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.  
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#### **STAFF**

Pastor: Michael Mario  
Administrative Assistant: Sheila Turner  
Sexton: Todd Murray

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