

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."

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

(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 #237 (UCC-Red) "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

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.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, the gifts which each of us brings to others is meaningful in ways that we might never imagine. Inspire us to continually give cheerfully of ourselves, in your name, that our gifts may be signs of your goodness to the world. Thanks be to you, O God. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Communion Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together 210 UCC Red Hymnal)

The Lord be with you

And Also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise

BREAKING AND DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and do assure us thereby of your favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech you to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

***HYMN #233 (UCC-Red)**

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

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 Glenna and Garett Richardson in memory of Glenna's Father Chesley.

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.

GIVING SUNDAY-the first Sunday of the month: This is the time we bring in our food offerings for the **Springfield Families Food Shelf**. See list of needed items by the basket in the foyer. The **Deacon's Fund** is for any member or friend who needs financial help to pick up medications, pay utility bills, rent, childcare, or pick up groceries. We all need a helping hand at times. Please talk with Pastor Michael Mario. All requests are confidential.

CHECK OUT our 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	Jaz	Martha	Jocelyn	Sheila
	Helen	Jeff	Amie and Nicole	Wesley
	Ted	Elmer	Dan	Ellen
	All others in need			

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!

Mar	1	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Mar	4	“Acoustic Worship” Musical Service	4:00 PM
Mar	5	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
Mar	8	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
PASTOR'S HOURS

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

STAFF

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

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