

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."

FIFTH 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 #281 (NCH-Black) "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #25 (UCC-Red) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 130)

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,

O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you;

therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;

in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,

for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption,

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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 MOMENT

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 11:1-45

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

SERMON "He's Calling for You"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

***HYMN # 488** (NCH-Black) "Be Still My Soul"

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

Merciful God, you have given us the Good News of your abounding love in your Son Jesus Christ: So fill our hearts with thankfulness that we may rejoice to proclaim the good tidings we have received; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN #276 (UCC-Red)**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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 Frank and Jocelyn Zezza, to honor Reverend Katrina Zezza

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 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	Jocelyn	Sheila	Helen
	Jeff	Amie and Nicole	Wesley	Ted
	Elmer	Dan	Ellen	All others in need

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!

Mar	22	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Mar	26	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
Mar	29	Palm Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
April	1	Acoustic Worship Sing-along	4:00 PM
April	2	Maundy Thursday Service	5:00 PM

**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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