

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."

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(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 #230 (NCH-Black) "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #21 (UCC-Red) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

OPENING PRAYER (from Psalm 116)

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because God's ear is inclined to me, therefore I will call on God as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray, save my life!"
What shall I return to the LORD for all the Lord's bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.
In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement.
Set us free from a past which we cannot change, open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us
grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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

Luke 24:13-35
Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

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

SERMON

"Have You Heard?"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

***HYMN #186 (UCC-Red)**

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

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

Gracious God, you give us life and a place in your glorious creation. As we return a portion of what you have given us, may we further bring your love, generosity, and your Word to those who share your creation with us.

***HYMN #152 (UCC-Red)**

"The Church's One Foundation"

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 Pat Townsend

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.

PRAYER LIST	Jaz	Jocelyn	Sheila	Helen
	Amie and Nicole	Wesley	Ted	Elmer
	Dan	Ellen	All others in need	

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.

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!

April	19	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
April	23	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
April	26	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tues. & Wed. 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M

PASTOR'S HOURS

Wed. 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

STAFF

Pastor: Michael Mario
Sexton: Todd Murray

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