

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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June 21, 2026

10:00 AM

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

## ***FOURTH 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 #265 (UCC-Red) "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me"

### CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN #29 (UCC-Red) "Morning Has Broken"

### OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 133)

1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained the blessing, life forevermore.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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

Genesis 21:8-21  
Matthew 10:24-39

## A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

## SERMON

"Family Matters"

### PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

### \*HYMN #198 (UCC-Red)

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

## 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.)

## 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, may our gifts, shared with the world in your name, be, as Jesus said, "of more value than many sparrows". Let our lives be of service to you, as we carry your Good News to ears longing to hear. Amen.**

### \*HYMN #81 (NCH-Black)

"God Be With You"

## 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 Claire Trask.

**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.

<b>PRAYER LIST</b>	Dianne	Jaz	Jocelyn	Helen
Amie and Nicole	Harriet	Wesley	Ted	Elmer
Ellen	All others in need			

**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.

**COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!**

June	21	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
June	25	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
June	26	Fourth Friday Event	5:00 PM
June	28	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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