

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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July 5, 2026

10:00 AM

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

SIXTH 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 #489 (NCH-Black) "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (Kingsfold)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #66 (UCC-Red) "God Bless Our Native Land"

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 145:8-15)

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most Holy and merciful God:
We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with all our heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, O God**

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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON "Gracious Will"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

***HYMN #449** (NCH-Black) "Softly and Tenderly"

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

Dearest Lord, we give of ourselves to you, knowing that you will make use of our talents and gifts in your time – possibly when we least expect it, and in ways we couldn't anticipate. We give with gratitude that we are fully part of your marvelous creation, that we are all Your Children. Thanks be to 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 up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God most high.

It is right to give God thanks and praise

BREAKING AND DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*HYMN #68 (UCC-Red)

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

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 Claire Trask, in memory of my brother Jack.

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.

PRAYER LIST	Dianne	Jaz	Jocelyn	Family of Helen
Amie and Nicole	Harriet	Wesley	Ted	Elmer
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!

July	5	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
July	9	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
July	12	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
Sexton: Todd Murray

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