

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."

TENTH 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 #289 (UCC-Red) "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #30 (UCC-Red) "All Creatures of Our God and King"

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22)

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.

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

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy Name for ever and ever.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse through the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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

Isaiah 55:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

"There is Enough"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

*HYMN #327 (NCH-Black)

"Jesus Loves Me"

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

Almighty God, as your Son Jesus multiplied loaves and fishes to feed a great crowd, may our gifts be multiplied to feed the spirits of those who hunger for your salvation. With our gifts, we share our praise for you and your creation. Thanks be to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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

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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

***HYMN #497 (NCH-Black)**

"Guide My Feet"

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 in honor of Kurt Dechen, who died in Iraq 20 years ago. They are given in love and friendship to Dale and Richard Dechen by their friends Candace Montesi, Carolyn Lane, and Nell Hughes.

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	Amie and Nicole
Harriet	Wesley	Ted	Elmer	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.

ACOUSTIC WORSHIP will be on hiatus this month. See you in September!

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!

Aug	2	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Aug	6	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
Aug	9	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tues. & Wed. 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

PASTOR'S HOURS

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

STAFF

Pastor: Michael Mario

Sexton: Todd Murray

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