

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."

TWELFTH 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 #57 (NCH-Black) "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #22 (UCC-Red) "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 67)

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of God's countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us a blessing.

7 May God give us a blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God our Creator, we come before you a rebellious people. We have denied your intentions for us; we have preferred our way to Christ's way; we have disobeyed your commandments; and we have worshipped ourselves and the things we have made. Forgive us, restore in us the knowledge of who we are, and make us alive to serve you in faith, obedience, and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 56:1,6-8
Matthew 15:21-28
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

"As One, As All"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

***HYMN #393 (NCH-Black)**

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

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, with our gifts we dedicate ourselves to serving you, sharing your word and showing your light in our lives for others to see. Through our giving may we become ever better messengers for you. In gratitude we pray. Amen

*HYMN #198 (UCC-Red) "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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 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	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.

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	16	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Aug	20	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
Aug	23	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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