

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."

FOURTEENTH 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 #172 (NCH-Black) "Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #25 (UCC-Red) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

OPENING PRAYER (From Psalm 105)

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
2 Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.
3 Glory in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
4 Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.
5 Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
6 O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.
23 Israel came into Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;
he made them stronger than their enemies;
25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant,
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
45 **Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. 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

Exodus 3:1-15
Matthew 16:21-28

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

SERMON

"Take Up and Follow"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

***HYMN (INSERT)**

"Here I Am, Lord"

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 – ANTHEM "We Praise Thee, O God"

***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, lead us to live as St. Paul encourages, rejoicing with the joyful, weeping with the sorrowful, and extending our hospitality to strangers. May our gifts large or small, prove to be extensions of your love shown to the world through your son, our savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #233 (UCC-Red)** "Amazing Grace"

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, the choir, and all who participated in our service this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Claire Trask in honor of a wonderful family!

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	30	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Sep	2	Acoustic Worship Musical Service	4:00 PM
Sep	3	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
Sep	6	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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