

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 27, 2026

10:00 AM

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

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EXPRESSING OUR LOVE

(As we prepare for worship, we invite quiet contemplation of the Living God.)

**For those who are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

INTROIT # 307 (Red) "Now Thank We All Our God"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive Reading

We gather as imperfect people, doing our best to live with love and integrity.

We honor both our mistakes and our capacity to grow.

We have all caused hurt, intentionally or unintentionally.

We seek the courage to make amends and the wisdom to forgive.

Forgiveness does not erase the past.

It opens the possibility of healing and a new beginning.

May we release bitterness, welcome understanding, and choose compassion.

For ourselves, for one another, and for our world.

May we live with open hearts, practicing forgiveness as a path to freedom and peace.

Amen.

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

OPENING PRAYER The Gift We Give Ourselves

***SONG OF PRAISE #338** (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

THE CHILD IN US ALL How to Avoid a Heavy Heart

SERMON

***HYMN # 151** (Red) "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

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

***HYMN # 233** (Red) "Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound "

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "One in Love"

One in love, one in friendship true,
One in hope, one in spirit, too,
One in faith God will care for ou
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 Peter Andrews, Kyle Washburn, and all who participated in our service this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Barbara Lacey to Celebrate Fall!

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, Ellen, Harriet, Wesley, Ted, the family of Elmer, and 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!

Sept 27	Sunday Worship – Peter Andrews	10:00 AM
Oct 1	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
Oct 4	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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