

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."

TWENTIETH 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 # 207 (NCH-Black) "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN # 13 (UCC-Red)** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

OPENING PRAYER (Based on Psalm 106)

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
whose mercy endures for ever.
2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord
or show forth all the Lord's praise?
3 Happy are those who act with justice
and always do what is right!
4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people,
and visit me with your saving help;
5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. 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

Matthew 22:1-14
Philippians 4:1-9

A MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES (Teachers and classes leave for Church School)

SERMON

"A Standing Invitation"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

***HYMN # 307 (UCC-Red)**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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, who has invited us all to share in your banquet of life, we thank you for bringing us together as a community of your followers. Through our varied gifts, may we continually give others the opportunity to take part in the celebration of your family. We pray in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN # 34 (UCC-Red)**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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 by Patti Kemp, in honor of her Mother and Father's Birthdays.

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	Family of 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!

Oct	11	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Oct	15	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
Oct	18	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Oct	24	Clean-Up Day!	9:00 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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