FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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November 1, 2026 **10:00 AM**

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

ALL SAINTS' DAY

(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 #106 (NCH-Black) "My Heart Sings Out with Joyful Praise"

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN #298 (UCC-Red)** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 34:1-10, 22)

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.
4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.
5 Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.
8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!
9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him

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 Matthew 5:1-12
1 John 3:1-3

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

REMEMBRANCES
Andrew Mario
Joan Matanle
Helen Moore
Marion Crandall
Elmer Kruse

SERMON "Forever Blest"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

***HYMN # 223 (NCH-Black)** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

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, Ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, you have made each of us in your image, with unique gifts to offer each other and the world. May our giving reflect your goodness and generosity, that all may come to know you, to become part of your family on this earth, and to carry on the work of all your saints in this life and everlasting.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together 210 UCC Red Hymnal)

The Lord be with you
And Also with you.
Let us lift up our hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord most high.
It is right to give the Lord God thanks and praise.

BREAKING AND DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you most Holy God, for meeting us in this simple meal.
May your presence within us ripple beyond us, ever expanding,
until the day when you gather all your saints from the four winds
to share in your eternal banquet.
In all our words and actions may your name be praised
now and forever more. Amen.

***HYMN # 296 (UCC-Red)** "For All the Saints"

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 Carol Richardson in memory of her sister Nancy.

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!

Nov	1	Sunday Worship –Michael Mario All Saints' Day	10:00 AM
Nov	4	Acoustic Worship Musical Service	4:00 PM
Nov	5	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	9:30 AM
Nov	7	Memorial Service for Elmer Kruse	1:00 PM
Nov	8	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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