

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

77 Main Street, Springfield, Vermont

Phone: (802) 885-5728

E-mail: fccucc@vermontel.net

website: www.fccuccspfdvt.org

www.facebook.com/fccuccspringfield/

Oct. 18, 2020

9:30 AM

"Our mission as a church is to be followers of Jesus Christ and servants of God, striving for love, truth, justice, and peace within our congregation, community, and the world."

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EXPRESSING OUR LOVE

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT #251 (NCH-Black)

"I Greet You, Sure Redeemer" (verse 1-2)

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 96)

Honor and majesty are before God;
strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

**Ascribe to God, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to God glory and strength.**

Ascribe to God the glory due God's name;
bring an offering, and come into God's courts.

**Worship God in holy splendor;
tremble before God,
all the earth.**

**Say among the nations,
"God is ruler!**

The world is firmly established;
it shall never be moved.

**God will judge the peoples
God will judge the people with equity."**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it.

**Then shall all the trees of the forest
sing for joy before God;**

**for God is coming,
for God is coming to judge the earth.**

**God will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with God's truth.**

HYMN #198 (UCC-Red)

“God of Grace and God of Glory” (vs 1,2,5)

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Growing God, for callousness instead of compassion,
for discouragement instead of determination,
for selfishness instead of service.

Allow us to grow into your ways and find favor in your sight.

Mature with us so that just love may be realized for all your children.

Daydream with us so that we might do justice on the behalf of all children.

Answer these prayers we pray in the name of your Beloved Child,
the hope of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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.

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 22: 15-22

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

A MESSAGE FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

SERMON

“One Foot in Each World”

HYMN #293 (NCH-Black)

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (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

O God, help us to recover our hope for our children's sake.
Help us to recover our courage for our children's sake.
Help us to recover our discipline for our children's sake.
Help us to recover our ability to work together for our children's sake.
Help us to recover our values for our children's sake.
Help us to recover our faith in you for our children's sake. Amen.

HYMN #20 (UCC-Red) "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand"

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #812 (NCH-Black) "Threefold Amen"
Amen, Amen, Amen

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

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.

To join our online live worship service for each Sunday at 9:30 A.M., go to the church website, www.fccuccspfdvt.org. Click on Worship on the black bar under the picture of the church. Click on the Facebook link. Click on the arrow of the live video.

OUR THANKS to Michael Mario & Kyle Washburn for their participation in our service this morning.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP this morning are given by Carol Richardson in memory of her sister and Kyle Washburn's mother, Nancy Hamilton.

CLEAN-UP DAY has been set for Saturday, Oct. 24th. Lots of brush to clean up so please bring cutters, etc.

COFFEE HOUR AT 8:30 AM SUNDAY MORNING. We will be holding a Zoom Coffee Hour starting at 8:30 am on Sunday morning. Diane will be sending out individual invitations to join the Zoom group. Please let her know of your interest in joining. A phone number to call with the ability to join in by voice will be included in the invitation. You can reach Diane at 885-4392 or holmelaw@vermontel.net All are invited.

THE CHURCH is open with Covid-19 guidelines for the safety of all. Please review the guidelines in the September issue of The Spire.

WITH CHURCH REOPENING ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED!!!

You can sign up on the schedule on the table in the front foyer or call Cynthia King, 885-5831. Thanks to everyone for providing beautiful reminders of God's abundant love for us each Sunday! If you sign up for flowers, please notify Cynthia King.

PRAYER LIST	Trish Spence	Suerae Ballard
	All others in need	Debbie Stoodley, sister of Patti Kemp
	Betsy Owen & family on the	Family of Dick Moore
	passing of her mother	Cindy Hughes on the death of her father, John Sarles

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!

Oct. 18	Worship – Michael Mario	9:30 AM
Oct. 24	Cleanup Day	9:00 AM - ??
Oct. 25	Worship – Michael Mario	9:30 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tues. & Wed. 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M

STAFF

Bridge Pastor: Michael Mario

Administrative Assistant: Judy Lasell

Sexton: Todd Murray