

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Jan. 22, 2023

10:00 AM

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

(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 #493 (NCH-Black) "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #315 (NCH-Black) "O Word of God Incarnate"

OPENING PRAYER (from Psalm 27)

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

4 One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.

6 Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, maker of all things, judge of us all:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,

which we from time to time have committed,

by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty.

We do earnestly repent, and regret our misdoings.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful God;

for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may ever hereafter

serve and please you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Isaiah 9:1-4
Matthew 4:12-23

THE CHILD IN US ALL

(Teachers and classes leave for Church School)

SERMON

"Where Are You Going?"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

*HYMN #186 (UCC-Red)

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

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.

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, may we give of our gifts in such manner as to become ever better fishers. May our giving be a sign of your shining light and love for the world, as we were given through Jesus Christ, our Lord, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

*HYMN #288 (UCC-Red)

"Be Thou My Vision"

BENEDICTION

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

Amen, Amen, Amen

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.

To join our online live worship service for each Sunday at 10:00 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.

Nursery care (up to 3 years old).

OUR THANKS to Kyle Washburn and all who participated in our service this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by Beth & Walt Dodd in memory of Margaret Dodd.

ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK after church today. Please plan to attend.

CHECK OUT our new church web site: firstchurchspringfield.org and our YouTube channel **First Church Springfield 4738 (@firstchurchspringfield4738)**

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 one of the Congregational Care co-chairs. Claire Trask at 886-7377.

PRAYER LIST Ginny Blais Marion Lerandean
 Family of Claire Hatch John Mobus
 Suerae and Jim Ballard All others in need

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!

Jan. 22	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM
Jan. 22	Annual Meeting Following Worship	
Jan. 24	Evening Bible Study via Zoom	7:00 PM
Jan. 26	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	10:00 AM
Jan. 29	Sunday Worship – Michael Mario	10:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tues. & Wed. 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M

PASTOR'S HOURS

Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

STAFF

Pastor: Michael Mario
Administrative Assistant: Judy Lasell
Sexton: Todd Murray

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