



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 2025

*We are an Open and Affirming, God-is still-speaking Congregation.
We embrace our diversity to make a divine difference together.
Wherever you are on life's journey, there is a place of welcome for you here.*

Second Sunday after Pentecost, June 22, 2025
*(Please stand as you are comfortable, at the places marked *)*

Meditation: "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide" -Gehring Tom Stein

Welcome Colleen McDonald, Liturgist

*Hymn: NCH 293 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit", all verses

***Call to Worship:** Worship Leader/People

God of life,

YOU ARE AS NEAR TO US AS OUR BREATH.

Touch our eyes,

THAT WE MAY SEE YOU IN ONE ANOTHER.

Open our ears,

THAT WE MAY HEAR YOUR VOICE IN THE CRIES OF THE OPPRESSED.

Enter our hearts,

THAT WE MAY BE FILLED WITH YOUR LOVE TOWARD ALL PEOPLE.

Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

**BE WITH US NOW. SHOW US THE WAY TO A NEW LIFE, AND GRANT US THE
COURAGE TO BE PEOPLE OF YOUR WAY.** (Worship Resources, UCC.org)

Prelude: “Holy Mana”
-(American Folk hymn; tune by William Moore)

Ron Holm & Janel Nelson

***Gathering Prayer**

Lift us up today, Lord.

Help us to move closer to you and bring you into our hearts.

Fill us to overflowing with your Spirit of love, forgiveness, kindness, and thanksgiving.

Amen. (By Dan Mugavero)

***Confession:**

Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great diversity.

You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy.

And yet this world is one in which justice and joy are denied to many, creating worlds of poverty, pain, lost opportunities, and absence of hope.

In so many ways, we break each other's hearts.

Forgive us, O God; help us embody your love for all people, in works of healing and transformation. (adapted from Worship Resources, UCC.org)

Prayers of the People

Colleen McDonald

Lord's Prayer

Congregation

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn:** NCH 448, “Take My Life, God, Let It Be”, all verses

Scripture: Proverbs 3:27-28
Ephesians: 2:10
James 1:14-17

Worship Leader

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,^[a]
when it is in your power to do it.

²⁸ Do not say to your neighbor, “Go and come again; tomorrow I will give it,” when you have it with you.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

¹⁴ But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; ¹⁵ then, when desire has conceived, it engenders sin, and sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.^[a]

Message: Sarah Parker-Scanlon, Executive Director of Shelter Care Ministries

*Hymn: *NCH 495* “Called as Partners in Christ’s Spirit”

Offering: Today's loose offering is for Pay It 4Ward.

Offertory: "In The Sweet By and By: Ron Holm & Janel Nelson
(S. Fillmore Bennett (lyrics) Joseph Philbrick Webster (tune))

Offertory Response	(tune of Old Hundredth)	Congregation
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**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

Prayer of Dedication Colleen McDonald

Announcements Worship Leader

Lighting Candles for Peace and Justice

Benediction Colleen McDonald

Postlude: "You Gotta Move Ron Holm & Janel Nelson
- (Mississippi Fred McDowell with Rev. Gary Davis)

***New Century Hymnal**

**Guest Liturgist: Colleen
McDonald**

Musician: Thomas Stein

Worship Leader: Liz Schultz

Hymn Leader: Jim Crone

**Production: Bob Tissot & Josh
Hill**

**Ushers: Lynn Stadtmueller &
Pam Douglas**

**Greeters: Lynn Stadtmueller &
Pam Douglas**

Please pray for these members and friends:

- We pray for Amanda Janitzky who will had a second hernia surgery on June 18.
- We pray for **Alexx Lopez** who is awaiting medical tests for possible surgery.
- We pray for Amanda Janitzky's mother, Varina, who is struggling with multiple surgeries to extract her teeth and conditions in her residence
- We give thanks for **Lynn Rehnberg's friend Shea**, who extended her stay so she could help care for Lynn in her final days. We pray for **Shea**, who has returned home but who continues to experience difficulties of her own with COPD.
- We pray for **Larry Hartzell's brother's sister-in-law, Linda**, who fell after knee replacement surgery and broke her leg above the surgery site.
- We give thanks for **John Gerrond's nephew, Todd**, who is now cancer-free.
- We give thanks for **Liam Oak Bitner**, third grandchild of **Liz and Brent Schultz** , who was born April 7.
- We pray for **Candy Pelkey's brother, John Hall**, who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- We give thanks for **Christy, daughter-in-law of Becky and Mike Grace**, who had a second surgery recently.
- We pray for **Brent Schultz** and his wife **Liz**. Brent has been suffering from complications of his Parkinson's disease and cardiac issues.
- We pray for **Terry White's brother, Ron**, who is being treated for cancer.
- We pray for **Liz & Brent Schultz's friend** & long-time neighbor with ALS, **Shawn**, who entered hospice care, and for his wife and six kids and their families.
- We pray for **Virginia Casteel** was recently hospitalized with COPD complications. Virginia is the sister of Pastor David,

- We pray for **Todd Ellison** who continues cancer treatment. Todd is the son-in-law of Pastor David and Leslie.

Attendance

6/1/47

6/8/56

6/15-45



Anniversaries: Pat & Jean Kagan-6/23
Steve & Brenda Welker-6/26
Jim & Linda Powers-6/28

Birthdays: Naomi Erlandson-6/19
Jude Makulek-6/19
Steve Welker-6/25
Susan Stillwell-6/27
Larry Hartzell-6/28

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