



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday
October 2, 2022

*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.*

Welcome to Spring Creek United Church of Christ!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*(Please stand as you are able at the places marked *)*

Music for Meditation	<i>"The Silver Trumpet"-Martin</i>	Musician
Welcome		Pastor David
*Call to Worship	(adapted from <i>Psalm 37:1-9</i>)	Worship Leader & People
Come, let us trust in the Lord And live in the land doing good.		
Let us take delight in the Lord Who will give us the desires of our heart.		
Let us commit our way to the Lord Trusting that the Lord will act on our behalf,		
Making our vindication shine like the light And justice of our cause like the noonday.		
Let us be still before the Lord Waiting patiently for the Lord's grace.		

***Gathering Prayer**

Worship Leader & People

**We gather together
Eager to listen and discern your Word,
Ready to learn from the stories of our faith,
Prepared to grow from the lessons learned.
Humbly, we offer our hearts and hands
To serve you with love.
Amen.**

Prelude *"Gather Us In"* -Haugen

Musician

***Confession**

Worship Leader & People

**O God, we confess
We sometimes feel we are not
enough,
That our faith is too weak and small
To make a difference serving you.
We fear that our tiny seeds of faith
Are tossed by the wind
And never take root.**

**Forgive us, O God.
Help us to know that we are enough.
No matter how small the seeds we
plant,
Each seed is nourished by you.
Each seed is one more hope
For another tree of faith
To grow and blossom.
Amen.**

Hymn NCH 256, *We Live by Faith and Not
by Sight*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

Congregational Singing

***Prayers of the People**

Pastor David

***Lord's Prayer**

Pastor & the People

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.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a ^a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

Sermon "Seeds of Plenty?" Pastor David

Hymn NCH 540, *We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed*, verses 1, 2, and 3. **Congregational Singing**

Today's offering will go to the ***Pastors Discretionary Fund*** which helps people at their most vulnerable moments. Envelopes for your monetary contribution can be found in the pew pads

Offertory Collection "*Day by Day*" -Berg/Ahnfelt Musician

***Offertory Response** **Congregational Singing**

(tune of Old Hundredth)
**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 Pastor David

Farewell to the Deb & Duane Phillips Pastor David

Hymn NCH 391, *In the Midst of New Dimensions*.
verses 1, 3, and 4.

Congregational Singing

Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Pastor David

Today we also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It is a time when our hearts, minds, and souls are turned in earnest to remembering, celebrating, and sensing more closely, the presence and power of God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at this table.

For those present, given the covid-19 pandemic, individual communion kits with a token of bread and juice are provided. If you are watching on-line, you may use whatever elements you wish for the bread and the cup.

Communion Prayer

Pastor and Congregation

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

For you are our creator still creating.

Immanent and transcendent.

Both just and kind.

Our lover still loving. Amen

Invitation

Pastor David

Sharing of Elements

Pastor David

Silent prayer

[a few moments in silent prayer]

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear God, heavenly Creator

We give thanks

For the gift of this holy meal. We give thanks

For the continued blessing

Of remembering and cherishing

Your beloved Jesus. We give thanks

For the continued blessing

Of knowing and serving you

Through the example of his love.

And guidance of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor and Congregation

Pastor David

Announcements

Worship Leader

Lighting a Candle for Ukraine

Pastor David

Benediction

Pastor David

Postlude *"Allegro Vivace"* -Handel

Musician

Pastor: David Sheridan

Musician: Tom Stein

Worship Leader: Larry Hartzell

Song Leader: Jim Crone

Greeters: Sara & Sophia Ostgarden

Production Team: Mike Carr and Bob

Tissot

Ushers: Jerry Brickey and Ann Patel

NCH - New Century Hymnal - The Pilgrim Press

Prayer Requests

Please pray for these members and friends:

- We pray for **David Beenken-Draper**, who has been diagnosed with dementia and is concerned not only for himself but also for the burden this will be for his husband, Gene.
- We pray for **Brent Schultz**, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.
- We pray for **Todd**, brother-in-law of Pastor David and Leslie, who continues cancer treatment.

We lift up in joy and give thanks!

- **Janna Wyant** has returned home from the hospital! She is weak and tired from her stem cell transplant and treatment, but the doctors are pleased with her blood counts. She will have several days of infusions of antibiotics, more lab visits, and ongoing medicine. We pray that the stem cells continue to do their work at blossoming her bone marrow and getting her on the road to recovery. The **Wyant family** is thankful for your messages, thoughts, and prayers.



Anniversaries: No anniversaries
Birthdays: No birthdays

Attendance September

09/11-47
09/18-32
09/25-35

Pastor David's Office Hours

Wednesdays 8 am – 4 pm
or call the office for an appointment

Church Office hours

Working from home Tues Oct 4th
Office: Thurs 10 am - 2 pm

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Spring Creek United Church of Christ, are a people of God centered in Christ. Responding actively to God's love, we strive to be inclusive, reconciling and caring in our ministry to each other and to the wider community.