



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 18, 2022

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

Music for Meditation "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" -Glaser/Greene (arr.) Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 113)

Worship Leader & People

Come, let us praise the Lord!
Blessed be the Lord evermore!

From the rising sun to its setting
The name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations
Whose glory is above the heavens.

Who raises the poor from dust
To make them sit with princes.

***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: "Lord, be Glorified" -Kilpatrick

Musician

***Confession**

Worship Leader & People

**O God, we confess
We too often find ourselves
Serving too many masters,
Self-interest being chief among them.
We deceive ourselves
Into thinking we are not rich.**

**Forgive us, O God.
Help us to know that wealth
Can seduce us to greed.
Greed blinds us to seeing the poor
And prevents us from faithfulness
To you, our one true master.
Amen.**

Hymn NCH 553, *There Is a Balm in Gilead*,
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.

*Readings Luke 16:1-13

Worship Leader

Sermon "The Rich and the Poor"

Pastor David

Today's offering will go to the Rock River Valley Food Pantry. Envelopes for your monetary contribution can be found in the pew pads.

Offertory "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"
- Claudius/Schultz

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	
Hymn	NCH 503, <i>O Savior, Let Me Walk with You</i> , verses 1, 2, and 3.	Congregational Singing
Announcements	Worship Leader	
Lighting a Candle for Ukraine	Pastor David	
“A Healing Experience: The Ukraine Students”	YMCA Rock River Valley Video	
Benediction	Pastor David	
Postlude: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" -American Traditional		

Pastor: David Sheridan	Greeter: Harriet Roll
Musician: Tom Stein	Production Team:
Worship Leader: Becky Grace	Josh Hill and Duane Phillips
Song Leader: Deb Phillips	Ushers: Phil Floor and Larry Hartzell

NCH – New Century Hymnal – The Pilgrim Press

Prayer Requests

- We pray for Janna Wyant, who continues her cancer treatment. She completed her week of high-dose chemo and then received her stem cells implant on September 1. This is likely the most uncomfortable and vulnerable part of the process for Janna. She will be hospitalized so she can be vigilantly monitored for possible infection, while her stem cells begin the process of blossoming her new bone marrow.
- 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.

Anniversaries: None
Birthdays: Amanda Janitzky, September 20
Bruce Szatek, September 21
Jeff Makulec, September 24

Luke 16:1-13

16 Then Jesus[Ⓞ] said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth[Ⓞ] so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.[Ⓞ]

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth,[Ⓞ] who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”[Ⓞ]