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# Spring Creek United Church of Christ

Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 22, 2023

*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.*

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*Welcome to Spring Creek United Church of Christ!*

**Third Sunday after Epiphany- January 22, 2023**  
*(Please stand as you are able at the places marked \*)*

Music for Meditation

*"Make Me A Servant"*  
-Willard

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

**\*Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 27:1, 4-9) **Worship Leader & People**

Come, let us turn to the Lord  
**Who is our light and salvation.**

For the Lord is our stronghold,  
**Who gives us shelter in times of trouble.**

May we live in the house of the Lord  
**All the days of our lives.**

Let us sing with shouts of joy  
**And make melody to the Lord.**

**\*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      *"The Summons"*  
                 -Bell

Musician

**\*Confession**

**Worship Leader & People**

**O God, we confess  
Even though you stand before us  
With a clear invitation to follow,  
We sometimes close our eyes and ears and turn away.  
We sell ourselves short as possible servants of you.**

**Forgive us, O God.  
Open our hearts to your love and grace  
Help us to have the courage to follow.  
May we know that our imperfections  
Make your invitation perfect grace.  
Amen.**

Hymn    NCH 543 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*,  
                 verses 1, 3, and 6

**Congregation**

**\*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      Matthew 4:12-23

Worship Leader

Sermon      "Who? Me?"

Pastor David

Hymn NCH 173 *You Have Come down to the Lakeshore*, **Congregation**  
verses 1, 2, and 3

Today's offering will go towards Pay it 4ward to benefit NAMI (National Alliance For Mental Health).

Offertory "*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*" Musician  
-Watts/Miller

**\*Offertory Response (tune of Old Hundredth) Congregation**

**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

Announcements Worship Leader

\*Please plan to join in the fun after worship on January 29 at the "Belated 60th Birthday Party of Spring Creek Church!" Covid got in the way in 2021, so better late than never!

\*Your envelopes for the 2022 Summary of Giving will be on the narthex table for pickup until Jan.31.

Lighting a Candle for Ukraine Pastor David

Benediction Pastor David

Postlude "*Praise and Thanksgiving*" Musician  
-Bayly

*NCH- New Century Hymnal – The Pilgrim Press*

**Pastor: David Sheridan**  
**Musician: Tom Stein**  
**Worship Leader: Mike Carr**  
**Song Leader: Jim Crone**

**Production Team: Bob Tissot  
and Josh Hill**  
**Ushers Mike Grace and Dan  
Mugavero**  
**Greeter: Jerry Brickey**

**Prayer Requests:**

**Please pray for these members and friends:**

- We pray for **Barb Mugavero's son's nephew, Mason**, 14, who was in intensive care but who has improved and has been released from the hospital.
- We pray for **Deb Floor**, who is hospitalized for pneumonia and a fractured collar bone from a related fall.
- We pray for **Pat Ingold** who is still on oxygen and restricted to her apartment.
- We pray for **Becky Wyant and the Wyant family** after the death of Becky's sister, and **Sam Wyant's aunt, Ginny Rodes**, who passed away while in the hospital.
- We pray for Lynn Rehnberg's nephew, **Brian Rehnberg**, who passed away recently.
- We pray for **Leslie Carr** who has been diagnosed with soft tissue cancer and continues treatment.
- 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:** No anniversaries  
**Birthday:** no birthdays

<b>Attendance</b>
<b>Dec.-Jan.</b>
1/1-27
1/8-39
1/15-41

**Pastor David's Office Hours**

Wednesdays 8 am - 4 pm

or call the office for an appointment.

**Church Office hours**

Tues. – Thu. 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.