



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

Reign of Christ Sunday
November 20, 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 "Air" -Handel

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 46)

Worship Leader & People

Come, let us behold the works of the Lord
Who is our refuge and strength.

For there is a river whose streams
Make glad the city of God.

For God is in the midst of the city
And will help it when the morning dawns.

For God makes wars cease,
Breaks the bow and shatters the spear.

Let us proclaim and give thanks
For the Lord of hosts is with us.

***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

"Sing a New Song to the Lord"
-Sleeth/Shafferman

SCUCC Choir

***Confession**

Worship Leader & People

**O God, we confess
We sometimes forget the sacrifices made by others on our behalf.
We forget all the saints in our lives who have helped clear our path.
We forget the suffering and sacrifice of those who stood up for God.
Who like Jesus Christ, in an impossible moment,
Made possible, made certain, the love and grace of God.**

**Forgive us, O God.
Help us to remember the power of your love.
Help us to remember the example of your grace.
Help us to remember your beloved, Jesus Christ.
Please hear our humble prayer of thanks
For your promise that we are remembered too.
Amen.**

Hymn

NCH 419 Now Thank We All Our God,
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 23:33-43

Worship Leader

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus^[a] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]]^[b] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah^[c] of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him,^[d] "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding^[e] him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah?^[f] Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in^[g] your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Sermon

"Remember Me"

Pastor David

Hymn

Chalice Hymnal 568, *Jesus, Remember Me.*

Congregational Singing

Today's offering will go to the ministry of your choice. Envelopes for your monetary contribution can be found in the pew pads

Offertory Collection

"Spirit of the Living God"
- Iverson

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 <i>NCH 422 Come, O Thankful People, Come,</i> verses 1, 2, and 3.	Congregational Singing
Reception of New Members	Pastor David and Mike Grace Carol and John Gerrond
Announcements	Worship Leader
Lighting a Candle for Ukraine	Pastor David
Benediction	Pastor David
Postlude <i>"Now Thank We All Our God"</i> -Kaufman	Musician

Chalice Hymnal
NCH- New Century Hymnal – The Pilgrim Press

Pastor: David Sheridan
Musician: Tom Stein
Worship Leader: Becky Grace
Song Leader: Jim Crone

Greeter: Harriet Roll
Production Team: Liz Schultz and Paul Mollway
Ushers: Paul Mollway and Phil Floor

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for these members and friends:

- We pray for **Sylvia Ulysse** who has Covid.
- We pray for **Jane Austin** who is recovering from a respiratory infection.
- We pray for **Leslie Carr** who has been diagnosed with soft tissue cancer and has commenced treatment.
- We pray for **Varina Simmons**, who suffered a fall and broken collarbone, had surgery, and is now home from physical therapy.
- We pray for **Sam Marlowe** who is continuing treatment this month for bladder cancer.

- We pray for **Janna Wyant** who is at home, getting stronger, and has finished her antibiotic infusions, after her stem cell transplant.
- 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.

Pastor David's Office Hours

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

Church Office hours

Mon – Wed 10 am - 2 pm
Closed Thanksgiving Day



Anniversaries: Jerry Brickey & Colleen McDonald,
November 22

Birthdays: Ann Patel, November 26

**Attendance
Oct - Nov**

10/30-37
11/06-39
11/13-41

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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.