



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday
August 7, 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 *"Rondo K. 485, -Mozart"*

Brenda

Welcome

Pastor David

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalms 33:12-22)

Worship Leader & People

Come, let us place our hope
In the Lord's steadfast love.

Our soul waits for the Lord
Who is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad
Trusting in the Lord's holy name.

Even as we hope in the Lord
May the Lord's steadfast love be upon 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 *"Moon River"*, -Mancini

Colleen

***Confession**

Worship Leader & People

**O God, we confess
We too often insist on a visible sign to chart our path.
We pretend to staunchly require seeing before believing.
But fail to acknowledge that so much of what we see is unbelievable
And that so much of what we firmly believe is beyond the horizon.**

**Forgive us, O God.
Remind us of our limitations.
Free us from fear of faith.
Rescue us from life without faithfulness.
Help us take flight on the wings of hope in your love.
Amen.**

Hymn NCH 381 *Faith of our Martyrs*,
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.**

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction[Ⓜ] of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith[Ⓜ] our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered[Ⓜ] him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Sermon

"Faith in a Monarch (Butterfly)"

Pastor David

Hymn

NCH 433 *In the Bulb There is a Flower*,
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 *"Forest Flower"*, -Jon George Colleen and Brenda

***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

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

Congregation

[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

Pastor David

Announcements

Worship Leader

Lighting a Candle for Ukraine

Pastor David

Benediction

Pastor David

Postlude

"Tarantella", Dennis Alexander

Brenda and Colleen

Pastor: David Sheridan
Guest Musicians: Brenda Ray and Colleen McDonald
Worship Leader: Mike Carr
Song Leader: Jim Crone

Greeters: Barb & Dan Mugavero
Production Team: Bob Tissot and Josh Hill
Ushers: Jerry Brickey and Ann Patel

Prayer Requests

Please pray for these members and friends:

- We pray for **Brent Schultz** who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.
- We pray for **Janna Wyant** as she continues with cancer treatment.
- We pray for **Todd**, brother-in-law of Pastor David and Leslie, who continues cancer treatment.



Anniversaries: Brian & Sara Hierstein, August 11

Birthdays: Gene Ferling, August 11

**Attendance
July**

07/17-33

07/24-37

07/31-68

Pastor David's Office Hours

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

Church Office hours

Tues - 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.