



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

5th Sunday of Easter
May 15, 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 *"For God Is Love"-Southridge* Musician

Welcome Pastor David

***Call to Worship** *(adapted from Psalm 148)* **Worship Leader & People**

Come, let us praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens.

Let us join in praise of the Lord
With the sun, moon, and all the shining stars.

Let us join in praise of the Lord
**With the mountains and hills,
With the fruit trees and cedars,
With the wild animals and flying birds.**

Let us join in praise of the Lord
**With all peoples, young and old,
With both the poor and the powerful.**

May the Lord's name be exalted
Whose glory is above both earth and heaven!

***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 *"A Joyful, Jubilant Song"*
 -Barrett/Angerman

Spring Creek Virtual Choir

***Confession**

Worship Leader & People

**O God, we confess
We often find ourselves
Too busy to notice the miracle
Of each new day.
We fail to embrace
The daily hope and promise
Of your love and grace.**

**Forgive us, O God.
Help us to know
That loving each other
Like you have loved us
Is the surest path
To finding our way anew.
Amen.**

Hymn C 494 *They'll Know We Are Christians*,
 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

John 13:31-35; Revelation 21:1-6

Worship Leader

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him,^[a] God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. **2** And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home^[a] of God is among mortals.
He will dwell^[b] with them;
they will be his peoples,^[c]
and God himself will be with them and be their God;^[d]
4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for^[e] the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Sermon	"Love Makes All Things New"	Pastor David
Hymn	NCH 613 <i>O Holy City, Seen of John</i> , verses 1, 3, and 4.	Congregational Singing

Stewardship Moment

Offertory	" <i>Sweet Peace, the gift of God's Love</i> " -Bilhorn	Musician
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Offertory Response **Congregational Singing**

(tune of Old Hundredth)
To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthy night,
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.

Prayer of Dedication	Pastor David
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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.

- 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: No Anniversaries
Birthdays: No birthdays

Attendance
April & May
 04/24-43
 05/01-28
 05/08-32

Pastor David is on another exotic vacation in Urbandale IA this week May16-May 22
Harriet Roll will be leading Worship Service Sunday, May 22nd.

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.