



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

*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!

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

Meditation: "Whispering Hope" -Hawthorne

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

*Hymn NCH 13, *O My Soul, Bless Your Creator*, verses 1 and 2.

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 130)

Worship Leader/People

Come let us cry out to the Lord.

May the Lord hear our voice!

For we wait for the Lord

In whose word there is hope.

My soul waits for the Lord

More than those who watch in the morning.

For with the Lord there is steadfast love

And the great power to redeem.

Prelude "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"
-Williams/Hughes

Musician

***Gathering Prayer**

Worship Leader/People

***We have gathered, Jesus dear, we have come to watch and listen.
Fix our minds, our senses clear, to receive your heavenly lesson.
Please improve our concentration: draw us into contemplation.***

(from NCH 74, *We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear*, verse 1)

***Confession**

Worship Leader/People

O God, we confess

We too often find no time for confession.

Instead, we cover our eyes or point to someone else.

We ignore, conceal, or deny our failures in being faithful.

Without confession, we are neither humble nor honest with you, O God.

Forgive us, O God.

May our gratitude for your steadfast love

Cause us to search our souls and hearts

And confess to you our transgressions.

May our humble and honest confession bring us closer to you.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pastor David

Lord's Prayer

Congregation

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.

Hymn NCH 553, *There Is a Balm in Gilead*, verse 1 with refrain.

Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

Worship Leader

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves

from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
 cursed are you among all animals
 and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman
 and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
 and you will strike his heel.”

Sermon “Stealing Apples”

Pastor David

Hymn NCH 499, *In All Our Living*, verses 1 and 2.

Strengthen the Church

Pastor David

Offering “Glories of Your Name Are Spoken”
-Newton/Haydn

Musician

***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
Lighting Candles for Peace	Pastor David
Benediction	Pastor David
Postlude "Fantasia on 'Forest Green" -Smith	Musician

NCH – New Century Hymnal, *The Pilgrim Press*

Pastor: David Sheridan
Musician: Tom Stein
Worship Leader: Barb
Mugavero
Hymn Leader: Pastor David

Production: Bob Tissot & Josh
Hill
Ushers: John Gerrond & Larry
Hartzell
Greeter: John Gerrond

Prayer Requests

- Prayers please for the family of **Ruth Rosenau**, sister-in-law of **Deb Floor**, whose husband **Graeme** and their family are celebrating her life and rejoicing in her "passing into Glory" on Mother's Day morning.
- Prayers for **Duane Phillips** who had a successful heart ablation procedure.
- We pray for **Sue McPherson's friend, J Eby**, and his 100-year-old mother, **Ann** and brother **Jeff. J** passed away of a stroke.
- We pray for **David BeenkenDraper** and his good friend, **Janice**, who urgently needs a liver transplant, without which she will likely go to hospice.
- We pray for **Laurice and Larry Hartzell's** long-time friend, **Lynette**, who passed away peacefully after years of health problems. We pray for her family and for Laurice and Larry who grieve her loss.
- We pray for **Liz & Brent Schultz's friend & long-time neighbor Shawn**, who has ALS, and has entered hospice care, and for his wife and six kids and their families.
- We pray for **Roger Pelkey** who had successful back surgery.

- We give thanks for **Larry Hartzell's sister, Connie**, who had a successful kidney transplant, but has not yet fully recovered.
- We pray for **Amanda Janitzky**, who is recovering from abdominal infections. We pray for the success of upcoming procedures.
- We pray for **Vicki** and **Jim Crone** as her health treatment and care continues.
- We pray for **Liz Schultz's** friend, **Mary**, and her sister, **Kathy**, who has been battling cancer for years. An experimental program has shrunk the tumor, and will give Kathy more time. Thank you for prayers of hope and support for Kathy, her husband George, and their family.
- We pray for **Phil Adkins**, who continues to suffer with cardiovascular problems.
- We pray for **Todd**, brother-in-law of Pastor David and Leslie, who continues cancer treatment.
- We pray for **Virginia**, Pastor David's sister, who has been suffering from complications of COPD and Covid.



Anniversaries: Larry & Laurice Hartzell – 6/14
Birthdays: Linda Powers – 6/11
Carol Gerrond – 6/14

Pastor David's Office Hours -- Wednesdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 or call the office for an appointment.

Emergency: 815/299-8263

Church Office hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 815/877-2576

Attendance

5/19-48

5/26-48