



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

5th Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025

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

Meditation: "The Joyful Trumpet"-Smith

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

*Hymn: NCH 393, *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*, all verses.

***Call to Worship:** (adapted from Psalm 148)

Worship Leader/People

Come, let us praise the Lord
Whose glory is above earth and heaven.

May that praise come not just from us
But from the sun, moon, and shining stars.

May that praise come not just from the heavens above
But from the earth itself.

From the mountains, hills, fruit trees, and cedars,
From wild animals, creeping things, and flying birds,

From sea monsters and the deep,
From fire, hail, snow, and frost,

And from all the peoples of the earth, young and old,
Let the Lord hear our enduring praise!

Prelude: "Prayer"-Andrews

Musician

***Gathering Prayer**

Worship Leader/People

**O God, may our time together in worship
Warm our hearts, comfort our souls, strengthen our faith, and
Inspire us to greater love. Amen.**

***Confession**

Worship Leader/People

**O God, we confess
When others in need
Come to us with dirty hands or feet,
We too often judge them harshly
And withhold love and grace.**

**Forgive us, O God.
Help us to put away our heartless ways.
Every dirty hand or foot should be cleansed,
Not merely for fairness' sake,
But by and through your abundant love and grace.
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 283, *Spirit of the Living God*, (sing twice).**

Reading: John 13:1-17, 31-35

Worship Leader

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The devil had already decided^[a] that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet,^[b] but is entirely clean. And you^[c] are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers^[d] greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Sermon: "The Last Supper Lesson"

Pastor David

*Hymn: NCH 396, *Where Charity and Love Prevail*, all verses.

One Great Hour of Sharing, UCC Special Offering

Offering: Today's loose offering is for Church Operations.

Offertory: "Come Forth, O Love Divine"
-Siena/Vaughn Williams

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 and Justice	Pastor David
Benediction	Pastor David
Postlude: "We Believe in One True God" -Glyncannon	Musician

***New Century Hymnal**

**Pastor: David Sheridan
Musician: Thomas Stein
Worship Leader: Colleen
McDonald
Hymn Leader: Bob Tissot**

**Production: Roger Pelkey &
Josh Hill
Ushers: Phil Floor & Mike Grace
Greeter: Barb Mugavero**

Please pray for these members and friends:

- We pray for family and friends of **Lynn Rehnberg**, who died peacefully Wednesday, May 14, at UW Hospital.
- We pray for **Larry Hartzell's brother's sister-in-law, Linda**, who fell after knee replacement surgery and broke her leg above the surgery site.
- We give thanks for **John Gerrond's nephew, Todd**, who is now cancer-free.
- We give thanks for **Liam Oak Bitner**, third grandchild of **Liz and Brent Schultz** , who was born April 7.
- We pray for **Candy Pelkey's brother, John Hall**, who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- We give thanks for **Christy, daughter-in-law of Becky and Mike Grace**, who had a second surgery recently.

- We pray for **Brent Schultz** and his wife **Liz**. Brent has been suffering from complications of his Parkinson's disease and cardiac issues.
- We pray for **Carol Gerrond's** brother, **Bob Miller**, who had surgery for an aneurism on the brain and is recovering.
- We pray for **Terry White's brother, Ron**, who is being treated for cancer.
- We pray for **Liz & Brent Schultz's friend** & long-time neighbor with ALS, **Shawn**, who entered hospice care, and for his wife and six kids and their families.
- We pray for **Virginia Casteel** was recently hospitalized with COPD complications. Virginia is the sister of Pastor David,
- We pray for **Todd Ellison** who continues cancer treatment. Todd is the brother-in-law of Pastor David and Leslie.



Anniversaries: Deb & Phil Floor – 5/22
Vicki & Jim Crone – 5/24

No Birthdays

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

4/27-39

5/4/-50

5/11-45