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# Spring Creek United Church of Christ

7th Sunday of Easter  
May 21, 2023

*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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*Welcome to Spring Creek United Church of Christ!*

**7th Sunday of Easter – May 21, 2023**

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

Meditation “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” - Pachelbel

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

**\*Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35)

**Worship Leader & People**

Come, let us exult before God,  
**And be jubilant with joy.**

Let us lift up a song to the Lord  
**Who rides upon the clouds.**

Our God, father of orphans and protector of widows,  
**Gives the desolate a home and leads prisoners to prosperity.**

Let us sing to God, all nations of the world,  
**Sing praises to the Lord.**

**\*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 Song of Thankful Praise”  
-J. C. Bach

Musician

**\*Confession**

**Worship Leader & People**

**O God, we confess  
We too often are so overwhelmed  
By the suffering and tragedy in the world  
That we overlook reasons for joy in our very midst.  
We fail to see a child at play or faith taking root.**

**Forgive us, O God.  
Help us to help the world by embracing joy.  
While seeking justice and fostering kindness,  
Help us to see the precious moments of joy.  
Joy, the seed for both playfulness and faith.  
Amen.**

\*Prayers of the People

Pastor David

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

**Pastor & 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.**

Baptisms

Annika Jean Wyant, Alexander Edwin Wyant, Jacob Samuel Wyant, Jesse Daniel Wyant  
Parents: Janna and Samuel Wyant  
Godparents: Deb and Duane Phillips, Ann and Raj Patel

Hymn NCH 325, *Child of Blessing*, *Child of Promise* (all verses)

Reading Matthew 3:13-17; 5:14-16

Worship Leader

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved,<sup>[a]</sup> with whom I am well pleased."

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Sermon "Bathed With Joy"

Pastor David

Hymn NCH 525, *This Little Light of Mine*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

Today's offering will go to **Pay It 4Ward**, by which we support Children's Home and Aid Society through June, 2023.

Offertory "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
-Neander/Winkworth

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

The Finance & Personnel ministry thanks all of you for your generous pledges. If you would like envelopes for this, please contact Leslie Carr

at [donate@springcreekucc.com](mailto:donate@springcreekucc.com), or Jean in the office(1-815/877-2576) by Thursday, May 25, 2023.

Lighting a Candle for Ukraine	Pastor David
Benediction	Pastor David
Postlude "All Praise to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" -Pachelbel	Musician

*NCH - New Century Hymnal – The Pilgrim Press*

**Pastor: David Sheridan**  
**Musician: Thomas Stein**  
**Worship Leader: Barb Mugavero**  
**Song Leader: Deb Phillips**

**Production Team: Dmitri Janitzky and  
Josh Hill**  
**Ushers: Paul Mollway and Phil Floor**  
**Greeter: Sara and Sophia Ostgarden**

**Prayer Requests:**

- We pray for the family of **Pat Ingold**, who died peacefully Tuesday, May 16, in her home.
- We pray for **Dina Lauman** and her family, following the death of Dina's beloved mom, **Dianna Miani**.
- We pray for **Larry Hartzell**, who continues to experience kidney stone pain.
- We pray for **Dan Mugavero**, who is experiencing heart and memory problems.
- We pray for **Liz & Brent Schultz's friend** & long-time neighbor, **Shawn**, who has been diagnosed with ALS, and for his wife and six kids and their families.
- We pray for **Phil Adkins**, who continues to suffer with cardiovascular problems.
- We pray for **Jean Klemme** who had surgery on 3/15 and a second surgery on 3/30 which was successful. She is receiving radiation treatments.
- We pray for **Leslie Carr** who has been diagnosed with soft tissue cancer and has completed chemo treatments, showing improvement.
- We pray for **Todd**, brother-in-law of Pastor David and Leslie, who continues cancer treatment.



**Anniversaries:**

Phil and Deb Floor -5/22

Jim and Vicki Crone -5/24

Gary and Susan Stilwell -5/25

**Birthdays:** No birthdays

**Attendance**

**Jan.**

4/30-35

5/7-44

5/14-50

**Pastor David's Office Hours**

Wednesdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Or call the office for an appointment.

815/877-2576

**Church office hours Tues.-Thu.**

**10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

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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.