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# Spring Creek United Church of Christ

**7th Sunday of Easter  
May 12, 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.*

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*Welcome to Spring Creek United Church of Christ!*

**7th Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024**

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

Meditation: "Prayer" -Warzyn

Bell Choir

Welcome

Pastor David

\*Hymn NCH 478 *I've Got Peace Like a River, all verses.*

\*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 1)

**Worship Leader/People**

Come, let us delight  
**In the law of the Lord.**

May we be like trees  
**Planted by streams of water,**

Which yield fruit in their season,  
**Whose leaves do not wither.**

May the Lord watch over  
**The way of the righteous.**

Prelude "Headin' for the Promised Land"  
-Sleeth/Larson (arr.)

Vocal Choir

**\*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 ignore the very creek  
Which offers the waters of life.  
We fail to put down roots  
That would nourish our souls.**

**Forgive us, O God.  
Guide us to the creekside.  
Grant us the courage to make our stand,  
To plant our faith firmly on the bank.  
Witness to your eternal flow of love.  
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 284, *Joys Are Flowing like a River*, verses 1, 3, and 4.

Readings: Psalm 1; John 17:6-19.

Worship Leader

Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked  
or take the path that sinners tread

or sit in the seat of scoffers,  
<sup>2</sup> but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

<sup>6</sup> for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

<sup>6</sup> "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be

one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that<sup>[a]</sup> you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,<sup>[b]</sup> so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Sermon: "Creekside Trees"

Pastor David

Hymn NCH 438, *When Peace, Like a River*, verses 1, 3, and 4.

Today's loose offering will be credited to Pantry Sunday.

Offering "Be Still, My Soul-Sibelius/von Schlegel

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

Leslie Carr's Garden Party May 18, 2-4 P.M.

Lighting Candles for Peace

Pastor David

Benediction

Pastor David

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress" -Pachelbel

Musician

NCH – New Century Hymnal, *The Pilgrim Press*

**Pastor: David Sheridan**  
**Musician: Tom Stein**  
**Worship Leader: Mike Carr**  
**Hymn Leader: Amanda Janitzky**

**Production: Dmitri Janitzky & Josh Hill**  
**Ushers: Amanda & Dmitri Janitzky**  
**Greeters: Bonnie & Tim Homan**

## Prayer Requests

- We pray for **Shawn Ostgarden** who has been hospitalized for a number of health concerns. We also pray for **Sara** and their daughter **Sophia**. In particular we ask that Sophia and her parents feel the comforting presence of our loving God.
- 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 this week, and for his wife and six kids and their families.
- We pray for **Roger Pelkey** who had successful back surgery on May 3.
- We give thanks for **Larry Hartzell's sister, Connie**, who had a successful kidney transplant.
- We pray for **Amanda Janitzky**, who is recovering from abdominal infections. We pray for the success of upcoming procedures.
- We give thanks that **Mephisto** and family have found new housing.
- 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, and now appears to have no more treatment options. We pray for Kathy's 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.



**No Anniversaries**  
**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**

4/21-49

4/28-45

5/5-38