



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 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: "At Rest with Thee" -Hesse/Blake (arr.)

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

*Hymn: NCH 86, *When Morning Gilds the Skies*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 112)

Worship Leader/People

Come, let us praise the Lord,
Those who delight in the Lord's commandments.

Their descendants will rise in the darkness as light for the upright.
For they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

They deal generously and lend,
Conducting their affairs with justice.

For they have distributed freely to the poor;
Their righteousness endures forever.

Prelude: "For the Beauty of the Earth"
-Pierpoint/Kocher

Musician

***Gathering Prayer**

**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:**

**O God, we confess
Our eyes are too often fixed on our own interests.
We ignore your calling to love and grace.
We fail to see the angels among us.**

**Forgive us, O God.
Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbor.
Help us to see the angels among us.
May we even discover the angels within.
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 499, *In All Our Living*, verses 1 and 2.

Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

Worship Leader

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

13 Let mutual affection continue. **2** Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. **3** Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with

them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.^[a] ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

14 On one occasion when Jesus^[a] was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Sermon: “Unexpected Angels” Pastor David

Moment of Reflection

*Hymn: NCH 498, *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

Offering: Today’s loose offering is for church operations.

Offertory “Lord of All Hopefulness” -Struther 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: “Trumpet Tune” -Telemann Musician

***New Century Hymnal**

**Production: Pam Douglas &
Roger Pelkey
Ushers: Ann Patel & Sue
McPherson
Greeter: Sue McPherson**

Pastor: David Sheridan
Musician: Thomas Stein
Worship Leader: Colleen McDonald
Hymn Leader: Jim Crone

Please pray for these members and friends:

- We pray for **Amanda Janitzky's mother, Varina**, who is struggling with multiple issues, and has been placed in hospice.
- We pray for **Candy Pelky'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 **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** who continues to experience COPD complications. Virginia is the sister of Pastor David,
- We pray for **Todd Ellison** who continues cancer treatment. Todd is the son-in-law of Pastor David and Leslie.

Attendance

8/10-41
8/17-36
8/24-40



No Anniversaries

Birthdays : Vicki Crone – 9/1

Mike Carr – 9/3

Jerry Brickey – 9/6

Sara Ostgarden – 9/6

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