



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 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.*

19th Sunday after Pentecost, September 29, 2024
*(Please stand as you are comfortable, at the places marked *)*

Meditation: "Praise be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" -Scheidt Tom

Welcome, Introduction of Trinadora Colleen

Ron – "Jerry Radford" story

Prelude: #85 "I Woke Up This Morning" Tom
(Tom plays once through)

Ron -- Reverend Robert Wesby

All sing ". . . Mind On Freedom", a cappella

***OPENING WORDS (RESPONSIVE READING: Renee Ruchotzke)** Colleen

Our first breath is followed by our first song

Lusty, loud and primal

A solo that announces to the world, "I have arrived!"

WE ARE THE MUSIC.

As toddlers hearing our first reggae beat

We let our spines and hips bend and sway in response

As natural as the beat of our hearts

WE ARE THE MUSIC.

The drone of the bass notes of the church organ

A vibration in our chests

Tense muscles relax, the breath deepens.

WE ARE THE MUSIC.

As we push the air from our bellies

Out through the chest and throat

Our changing expressions shape the sound.

WE ARE THE MUSIC.

As we sing together

Voices blend to create a harmony

Each voice enriched by its connection to the next.
WE ARE THE MUSIC.

Ron -- " Bob Marley & Curtis Mayfield" story

Opening song "One Love – People Get Ready"

Janel and Ron

***GATHERING PRAYER:** Vilma Machin, translated by Rose Grijalva

Colleen

I WILL SING, I WILL SING PRAISES! WAKE UP MY SOUL!

WAKE UP, O HARP AND LYRE! I WILL AWAKE THE DAWN!

I WILL THANK YOU, O GOD, AMONG ALL PEOPLE!

LET US PRAISE AND ADORE THE GOD OF CREATION!

***CONFESSION:** Beth Merrill Neel (adapted)

Colleen

HOLY GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Life includes pain and sorrow, broken relationships and broken hearts. Sometimes we are hurt by others. Sometimes we are the cause of hurt:

WE HAVE CAUSED PAIN. WE HAVE BROKEN HEARTS AND RELATIONSHIPS.

So we ask for Your forgiveness.

WE ASK FOR YOUR HEALING.

And we ask that You help us move beyond the errors of our ways,

THAT WE MIGHT BE AND BECOME THE PERSONS YOU HAVE CREATED US TO BE, FULL OF COMPASSION, GRACE, AND LOVE.

Prayers of the People

Colleen

Lord's Prayer

Colleen/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.

Scripture: Ephesians 5: 18 – 20

Colleen

Be filled with the Spirit.

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

Always giving thanks to God for everything, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Ron – "The amazing story of *Amazing Grace*"

* Hymn NCH 547, verses TBA

Offering: Today's loose offering will be for Church Operations

Ron – The "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" story.

Offertory "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (Janel and Ron)

Ron – Story of “Old Hundredth”

***Offertory Response (tune of Old Hundredth)**

Tom & 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

Colleen

Announcements

Colleen

Lighting a Candle for Ukraine

Colleen

“When the Storms of Life are Raging”

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me (stand by me)

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me (stand by me)

When this world is tossing me like a ship out on the sea

Thou who calmed the wind and waters stand by me

Janel and Ron

Ron – Gene MacLellan story

Closing song: “Put Your Hand in the Hand”

Colleen – “Don Besig” story

Benediction: **“Choral Benediction” (Don Besig)**

Ron

May the light of God shine on us today. May the light of God shine on us today

May it show us where to travel, lead us back if we should stray

May the light of God shine on us today

May the love of God live in us today May the love of God live in us today

May the warmth we feel within us Show in all we do and say

May the love of God live in us today

May the peace of God be with us today. May the peace of God be with us today.

May it guide us and protect us As we go our separate ways

May the peace of God be with us today.

Janel – “Albert Brumley” story

Postlude: NCH 595 “I’ll Fly Away”

Janel, Tom, Ron

Musician: Tom Stein

**Guest Musicians: Janel Nelson
& Ron Holm**

Worship Leader: Colleen

McDonald

Hymn Leaders: Ron & Janel

Production: Pam Douglas & Bob

Tissot

Ushers: Sue McPherson & Ann

Patel

Greeter: Sue McPherson

Prayer Requests

- We pray for **Mephisto's** friend **Keaton**, who may lose his sight. Pray that his body will work well with his medication.
- We pray for **Pascual and Mephisto's mother, Reyna**, whose chronic condition is no longer responding to medication.
- We pray for **Ann Patel's patient/friend, Elma**, who was murdered outside her apartment.
- We give thanks that **Duane Phillip** had successful ablation surgery, has completely recovered and is doing well!
- Please pray for **Carol Gerrond's** brother, **Bob Miller**, who had surgery on 9/10 for an aneurism on the brain.
- We pray for a friend of Jane Austin, **Antonio Alverado**, who is currently undergoing chemo treatments both here and in Madison.
- We pray for **Brent Schultz**, who had experienced further complications with his Parkinson's disease and cardiac issues. We are grateful that he has improved and is undergoing rehab at Van Matre.
- We pray for **Phil Adkins**, who continues to suffer with cardiovascular problems, with episodes of severe pain. We ask that you be with him as he copes with the disappointment of learning that the hoped-for stent placement is not possible. May the heart/medical staff continue to explore ways to reduce his painful episodes.
- We pray for **Barb Mugavero's son David**, who had successful triple bypass surgery and is recovering at home.
- We pray for **Vicki and Jim Crone** as her health diagnosis and treatment continues. We give thanks that they have received long-awaited and welcome clarification about next steps over the next several months.
- We pray for **Phil Floor**, who has completed treatment for cancer.
- We pray for **Terry White's brother, Ron**, who is being treated for cancer.
- We pray for **Mike Grace's** sister-in-law, **Nancy**, who had successful surgery for tongue cancer. Pray for her recovery and through additional treatments.
- 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 **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.
- We pray for **Becky**, Pastor David's sister, who had successful surgery, and is recovering at home.



Anniversary: Paul & Betsy Mollway – 9/29
Birthday: Lynn Stadtmueller – 9/29

Attendance

9/8-34
9/15-42
9/22-38

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