



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 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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*(Please stand as you are comfortable, at the places marked *)*

Meditation: "Ever Faithful, Ever Near" -Ritter

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

*Hymn: NCH 439, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, 1, 2, and 4.

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 34:1-8)

Worship Leader/People

Come, let us bless the Lord
With continuous praise.

Let us magnify and exalt the Lord
Who delivers us from our fears.

Let us look to the Lord and be radiant
So our face will never be ashamed.

O taste and see that the Lord is good.
Happy are those who take refuge in the Lord.

Prelude: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
-Van Dyke/Beethoven

Musician

***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

***Confession**

Worship Leader/People

O God, we confess

We sometimes walk past those in need.

Even with ears to hear, we ignore their shouts.

Even with eyes to see, we are blind to their plight.

Forgive us, O God.

Help us to learn from the blind who see you.

May you hear our shouts and open our eyes

To the love that even the blind can see.

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 551, *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*, all verses.

Reading: Mark 10:46-52

Worship Leader

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus

stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, [a](#) let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way

Sermon: "Even the Blind Can See" Pastor David

*Hymn: NCH 449, *Softly and Tenderly*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

Offering: Today's loose offering will be for Pay It 4Ward.

Offertory: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" -Palmer/Mason 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 Pastor David

Lighting Candles for Peace Pastor David

Benediction: Pastor David

Postlude: "Psalm of Glory" -Wells Musician

**Pastor: David Sheridan
Musician: Tom Stein
Worship Leader: Larry Hartzell
Hymn Leader: Jim Crone**

**Production: Josh Hill & Bob
Tissot
Ushers: Wyant Family
Greeter: Harriet Roll**

Prayer Requests

- We pray for **Ron Mertz and his wife Nancie**. Ron has recently been diagnosed with an acute form of leukemia. He just began chemo treatment and will be meeting with a leukemia specialist at UW-Madison.
- We pray for Amanda Janitzky's friend, **Amy**, who is only 39 and had a stroke.
- We pray for **Amanda Janitzky** who had successful surgery.
- We pray for **Sarah**, daughter of **Carol Gerrond's brother, Bob**. Sarah has started treatment for breast cancer.
- We give thanks for **Becky Grace** whose wrist brace was removed.
- We give thanks for **Lee, daughter-in law of Deb and Phil Floor**, and for her parents, **Al and Deb**, who live in the Asheville, NC area. After a long period with no power, Lee has heard from her parents and they are well.
- 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.
- Please pray for **Carol Gerrond's brother, Bob Miller**, who had surgery for an aneurism on the brain and is recovering.
- We pray for **Carol Gerrond** who suffered a fall but is no longer in pain and is recovering at home.
- We give thanks for a friend of Jane Austin, **Antonio Alverado**, treatments have been successful. He is very grateful for our prayers.
- We pray for **Brent Schultz** and his wife **Liz**. Brent has been suffering from complications of Parkinson's Disease and cardiac issues. He will soon be undergoing tests and treatment at the Mayo Clinic.
- We pray for **Phil Adkins**, who continues to suffer with cardiovascular problems, with episodes of severe pain.
- We pray for **Barb Mugavero's son David**, who had successful triple bypass surgery and is recovering at home.
- 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.

Attendance
10/6-41
10/13-47
10/20-35



No Anniversaries
Birthdays - Pat Walker – 10/30
Alexander Wyant – 10/31

Pastor David's Office Hours -- Wednesdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Church Office hours

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