



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 7, 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.*

Welcome to Spring Creek United Church of Christ!

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

Meditation: "Bouree" -Telemann

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

Hymn Pilgrim Hymnal, 38, *Morning Has Broken*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 123)

**Come, let us lift up our eyes to the Lord our God,
Like a maid to her mistress.**

**When we suffer from the contempt of others
Let us turn to God's abundant mercy.**

**When we feel the scorn of the proud,
Let us look to the power of God's love.**

Prelude: "Lord of All Hopefulness" -Struther

Musician

****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

**O God, we confess
We sometimes forget
That home is where the heart is,
Where love begins,
Where grace is taught,
Where faith blossoms.**

**Forgive us, O God.
Help us to see and know that home
Is wherever we love and are loved.
Help us to find a bit of heaven in every home,
Where the hearth of faith brings light and warmth.
May that home begin and end with your embrace.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Pastor David

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 Ezekial 2:1-5; Mark 6:1-13

Worship Leader

2 He said to me: “O mortal,^[a] stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.” **2** And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. **3** He said to me, “Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation^[b] of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. **4** The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ **5** Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

6 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. **2** On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! **3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary^[a] and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took

offense^[b] at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house.” ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Sermon “Every Home a Heaven” Pastor David

Hymn NCH 383, *Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

Today’s loose offering will be credited to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.

Offering: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" -Watts/Miller 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

Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please see insert.

Announcements

Lighting Candles for Peace

Pastor David

Benediction

Pastor David

Hymn NCH 76, *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*, verse 1.

Postlude: "March" -Handel

Musician

NCH – New Century Hymnal

Pastor: David Sheridan
Musician: Tom Stein
Worship Leader: Becky Grace
Hymn Leader: Deb Floor

Production: Bob Tissot & Josh
Ushers: Jerry Brickey & Mike
Carr
Greeter: Jerry Brickey

- We pray for **Amanda Janitzky**, who had successful abdominal surgery, and who is now recovering at home.
- We pray for **Barb Mugavero's son, David**, who will be having bypass heart surgery.
- We pray for **Terry White's brother, Ron**, who is being treated for cancer.
- We pray for **Kathy Lovins** who is recovering from a recent knee surgery, and later suffered from a fall, and was again hospitalized but is now recovering at home.
- We pray for **Liz & Brent Schultz's friend & long-time neighbor Shawn**, who has ALS, and has entered hospice care, and for his wife and six kids and their families.
- We pray for **Roger Pelkey** who had successful back surgery.
- 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. An experimental program has shrunk the tumor, and will give Kathy more time. Thank you for prayers of hope and support for Kathy, her 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.



Anniversaries: Gene & Judy Ferling – 7/10
Birthdays: Jean Kagan – 7/8

Pastor David's Office Hours -- Wednesdays 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
or call the office for an appointment.

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Church Office hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
815/877-2576

Attendance

6/16-30

6/23-44

6/30-36