



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 27, 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: "All Glory Be To God, On High"- Walther

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

*Hymn: NCH 28, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, all verses.

***Call to Worship:** (adapted from Psalm 150)

Worship Leader/People

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Praise God in God's sanctuary!

Praise God with trumpet sound,
And with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance,
And with strings and pipe!

Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Prelude: "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"
-Boye/Rygh/Nicolai

Musician

***Gathering Prayer**

Worship Leader/People

**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**

Worship Leader/People

**O God, we confess
We too often seek to substitute proof for faith.
We insist on seeing the mark of nails
And touch the open wound.
We allow doubt to be our master.**

**Forgive us, O God.
Help us to see how faith is built in part on a foundation of doubt,
That faith and doubt are inseparable dance partners,
That doubt enables faith to dance to the melody of love
With humility and hope.
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 283, *Spirit of the Living God*, (sing twice).**

Reading: John 20:19-31

Worship Leader

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the

Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue^[b] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,^[c] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon: "Faithful Doubters"

Pastor David

*Hymn: NCH 256, *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

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

Offertory: "Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"-Wesley/Prichard 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: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" -Walther	Musician

***New Century Hymnal**

Pastor: David Sheridan
Musician: Thomas Stein
Worship Leader: Barb
Mugavero
Hymn Leader: Deb Floor

Production: Bob Tissot & Liz
Schultz
Ushers: Pam Douglas & Lynn
Stadtmueller
Greeters: Pam Douglas & Lynn
Stadtmueller

Please pray for these members and friends:

- We pray for **Vicki and Jim Crone**, who will be at Mayo Clinic Thursday, April 29 through Friday, May 2. Vicki's procedure is May 1. We also pray **for Dr. Benjamin Elder and the team**.
- We give thanks for **Liam Oak Bitner**, third grandchild **of Liz and Brent Schultz** , who was born April 7.
- We pray for **Candy Pelkey's brother, John Hall**, who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- We pray for **Lynn Rehnberg** who is experiencing some difficulties and awaiting a doctor's appointment.
- We give thanks for **Christy, daughter-in-law of Becky and Mike Grace**, who had a second surgery recently.
- We pray for **Sarah**, daughter of **Carol Gerrond's brother, Bob**. **Sarah** has been treated for breast cancer and is now cancer-free.
- We pray for **John Gerrond's nephew, Todd**, who has been diagnosed with cancer. His mother, **Susan**, earlier this year had open heart surgery and has recovered.
- 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 **Carol Gerrond's** brother, **Bob Miller**, who had surgery for an aneurism on the brain and is recovering.
- 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 is recovering from shoulder surgery. 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

4/6-44

4/13-44

4/20-60

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No Anniversaries

Birthdays: Bob Tissot – 4/27

Brent Schultz – 4/27

Candy Pelkey – 5/2

Pastor David's Office Hours -- Wednesdays 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.
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Church Office hours

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