



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 6, 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.*

20th Sunday after Pentecost, October 6, 2024
*(Please stand as you are comfortable, at the places marked *)*

Meditation: "On This Bright Day" -Walther

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

*Hymn: NCH 44, *Beautiful Jesus*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 26)

Worship Leader/People

Come, let us acknowledge your steadfast love
And walk in faithfulness to you.

Let us sing a song of thanksgiving
For all your wondrous deeds.

For we love the house in which you dwell
And the place your glory abides.

Together we stand on level ground
Let us bless the Lord.

Prelude: "Sanctuary" -Thompson/Scruggs/Bettcher (arr.)

Bell Choir

***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 separate ourselves from children,
From those who are playful, noisy, and unpredictable,
Who see each day as a new adventure,
Who are willing, even eager to try new things and learn.**

Forgive us, O God.

**Help us to welcome the children among us and within us.
Help us to embrace the playful faithfulness of a child.
May we remember that before you we are little children.
May our humility be matched by our joy and gratitude for you.
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 327, *Jesus Loves Me*, verses 1, 2, and 3

Reading: Mark 10:13-16

Worship Leader

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Sermon: "Children at Play"

Pastor David

*Hymn: NCH 487, *Surely No One Can Be Safer*, all verses.

Offering: Today's loose offering will be for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Offertory: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
-Schicht/Walworth

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

*Hymn: NCH 349, *I Come with Joy*, verses 1, 3, and 5.

World Communion Sunday

Pastor David

Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please see insert.

Announcements

Pastor David

Lighting a Candle for Ukraine

Pastor David

Benediction:

Pastor David

Postlude: "Sometimes a Light Surprises"

Bell Choir

-Welsh Folksong/Gilbert (arr.)

Pastor: David Sheridan

Musician: Tom Stein

Worship Leader: Barb

Mugavero

Hymn Leaders: Amanda

Janitzky

Production: Pam Douglas &

Dmitri Janitzky

Usher: John Gerrond

Greeter: Carol & John Gerrond

Prayer Requests

- We pray for **Sarah**, daughter of **Carol Gerrond's brother, Bob**. **Sarah** has started treatment for breast cancer.
- We pray for **Patrick, husband of Jean Kagan**, who will undergo additional testing after an adenocarcinoma diagnosis.
- We pray for **Becky Grace** who is recovering from wrist surgery.
- 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. The hurricane has left the western half of NC without power, and there has been no phone service. Lee has finally 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.
- 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 and is recovering.
- 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 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 pray for **Terry White's brother, Ron**, who is being treated for prostate cancer.
- We pray for **Mike Grace's sister-in-law, Nancy**, who had succumbed to tongue cancer. Pray for her recovery and through additional treatment.
- We pray for **Liz & Brent Schultz's friend & long-time neighbor, John**, 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
9/15-42
9/22-38
9/29-50



No Anniversaries
No Birthdays

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Church Office hours

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