



# Spring Creek United Church of Christ

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25th Sunday after Pentecost  
November 10, 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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**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, November 10, 2024**  
(Please stand as you are comfortable, at the places marked \*)

Meditation: "Andantino" -Rossi

Musician

Welcome

Pastor David

\*Hymn: NCH 565, *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*, verses 1, 2, and 3.

\*Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 127)

**Worship Leader/People**

**Come, let us acknowledge  
That a house built with God  
Is a better foundation,  
That a city is most secure  
When we keep watch with God,  
That eating the bread of anxious toil  
Is no substitute for God's peace.**

Prelude: "Song of Hope" -Hobby

Vocal 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 applaud those who give too much  
But fail to respond to why they are so much in need.  
We remind ourselves on Sunday of our call to serve  
But when Monday comes, we get distracted.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**Help us to embrace our call to serve,  
No matter the day of the week.  
On the other side of any day, hardship, or disappointment,  
May we know there is always hope in your love and grace.  
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 461, *Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless*, all verses.

Reading: Mark 12:38-44

Worship Leader

<sup>38</sup> As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

**The Widow's Offering**

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than

all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Sermon: “On the Other Side of Tuesday” Pastor David

\*Hymn: NCH 448, *Take My Life, God, Let it Be*, all verses.

Offering: Today’s loose offering will be for Pantry Sunday.

Offertory: "O Savior, Let Me Walk With You" -Gladden/Smith 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 Pastor David

Benediction: Pastor David

Postlude: "Trumpet Tune" -Telemann Musician

### **NCH New Century Hymnal**

**Pastor: David Sheridan  
Musician: Tom Stein  
Worship Leader: Jerry Brickey  
Hymn Leader: Amanda  
Janitzky**

**Production: Josh Hill & Dimitri  
Janitzky  
Ushers: Amanda & Dimitri  
Janitzky  
Greeter: Barb Mugavero**

## Prayer Requests

- We pray for Sam Wyant's mother, **Becky Wyant**, who is in intensive care in UW Madison for injury to her esophagus during elective surgery.
- We pray for **Ron Mertz and his wife Nancie**. Ron has been diagnosed with the most acute form of leukemia Ron was discharged from UW-Madison, and returned home for some rest. His first batch of Chemo treatment ended this week and repeats again in December in Rockford Pray also for the medical staff.
- We pray for **Brent Schultz** and his wife **Liz**. Brent has been suffering from complications of Parkinson's Disease and cardiac issues. He is undergoing tests and treatment at the Mayo Clinic.
- We pray for Amanda Janitzky's friend, **Amy**, who is only 39 and had a stroke.
- We pray for **Sarah**, daughter of **Carol Gerrond's brother, Bob**. Sarah has started treatment for breast cancer.
- We pray **for all of the victims of the two hurricanes**, and for those who's loved ones are still missing.
- 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 **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.



No Anniversaries  
Birthday: Kendra England – 11/9

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