



Spring Creek United Church of Christ

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 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: "How Firm a Foundation" Musician
-Traditional American Folksong/Johns (arr.)

Welcome Pastor David

*Hymn: NCH 12, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, 1, 2, and 3.

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35) **Worship Leader/People**

Come, let us praise the Lord
For the Lord's manifold works!

The Lord, our God,
Makes the heavens like a tent,

Turns clouds into a chariot
And rides on the wings of the wind,

Sets the earth on its foundations,
So that it may never be shaken.

Prelude: "'Til the Storm Passes By" -Lister 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 are slow learners.
We hear but do not listen.
We look but do not see.
Our self-interest blinds us
To your call to serve.**

**Forgive us, O God.
Free us from the chains of self-interest.
Open our hearts to the needs of others.
Help us seek not the best seat, but the best path.
May our hands be raised, not to be picked,
But to be offered in service as we walk humbly with 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: 306, *The Church of Christ, in Every Age*, verses 1, 2, and 3.**

Reading: Mark 10:35-45

Worship Leader

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And

he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Sermon: “Pick Me! Pick Me!”

Pastor David

*Hymn: NCH 539, *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*, all verses.

Offering: Today's loose offering will be for Church Operations.

Offertory: "You Servants of God" -Wesley/Haydn

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: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" -Walther

Musician

Pastor: David Sheridan

Musician: Tom Stein

Worship Leader: Becky Grace

Hymn Leader: Deb Floor

**Production: Bob Tissot & Pam
Douglas**

**Ushers: Phil Floor & Larry
Hartzell**

Greeter: Barb Mugavero

Prayer Requests

- We pray for **Ron and Nancie Mertz**. Ron has been diagnosed with acute forms of leukemia. **Ron** is in isolation and is awaiting transfer to 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 last week.
- 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 this week.
- 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 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.
- 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**, whose chemo treatments have been successful. He is very grateful for our prayers
- We pray for **Brent Schultz** who experienced further complications with his Parkinsons disease and cardiac issues, and we give thanks that he is now home from rehab.
- 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 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 - Rex Wiant – 10/21

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

Emergency: 815/299-8263

Church Office hours

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

Attendance

9/29-50

10/6-41

10/13-47