

**First Church of Christ in Mansfield
(Congregational) United Church of Christ**

THE TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME + JUNE 6, 2021

Greeting

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Call to Healing and Opening Prayer

In our Hebrew Bible lesson the elders of Israel insist that the aging prophet Samuel anoint for them a king such as governed the surrounding nations. God tells Samuel to consent to the request of the elders, but to make clear the cost involved in submission to the arbitrary power of a human monarch.

“But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.” Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.”

When in this past week have we insisted on our own way?
When have failed to listen to the voice of wisdom?

Unlike earthly rulers,
you, O Lord, are ever steadfast and faithful.
Keep us united and strong in faith,
that we may always know your presence in our lives,
and break down the barriers that divide us. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, and to the Christ, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

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gin - ning, is now, and ev er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Sacred Scripture Mark 3:20-35

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"-- for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Reflection

Call to Prayer Hear Us O Lord



9 Hear us, O Lord, as we come now in prayer, shar - ing our joys, our trou-bles, and our cares.

Help us, O Lord, to be o - pen to your word, and teach us to put our trust in you.

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ, who taught us to pray, saying...

Our Father/Mother/Creator,
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/sins/trespases,
as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

As we share this musical offering, I invite you to hold your financial offering in your hand, envisioning the ministry and mission it will enable in the days ahead. At the conclusion of worship, please place your offering in the mail. (First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC. Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250) or go to www.myfcc.info)

Fed for the Journey The Great Thanksgiving
Christ is with us here,
so let us open up our hearts to God and one another,
giving thanks to the Spirit with joy.

We give you thanks, O LORD, with our whole hearts
all that is within us sings your praise,
for you formed world by your word
and your steadfast love endures forever.

When we walked in the midst of trouble,
you preserved us from our foes,
you delivered us from peril.

We praise you that, in Jesus,
you have made us brothers and sisters,
united in doing your will.

We remember how,
on the eve of death and yet living resurrection,
Jesus gathered with his disciples. Taking bread and cup, he gave you thanks, shared them, and said, "Eat and drink and remember me."

Bless us with your Spirit,
That, as we share this bread and cup,
we might be fed to believe and believe,

to speak out against injustice,
and to never loose heart.

This we pray,
with all that has life and breath,
as we proclaim the holiness of your name:

San - to, san - to, san - to. Mi co - ra - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My
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co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir: San - to eres, Se - nor!
heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly Lord!

Benediction Living Resurrection
May God bless you and keep you,
may God's face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
may God look upon you with kindness
and grant you peace. Amen.

May peace be with you, Beloved of God.

ANNOUCEMENTS

This Sunday we receive a special offering for **The Deacon's Fund** which allows our pastor to provide members and friends of this congregation with confidential and essential emergency support in times of need. Please be generous!

WAIM Back to School Program provides vouchers from WAIM to eligible school families for school clothing and uniforms. Last year we assisted 401 students returning to classes with a brand new uniform or outfit for the first day of school. The BTS program assists Windham/Willimantic area families who are struggling financially and need to purchase uniforms or school clothes. Families and receive vouchers later so that each child will have a uniform,/new outfit for the first day of school. Vouchers are for \$25 per child. If you would like to donate to this program you can send a check to WAIM/BTS at P.O. Box 221, Willimantic, CT

The **No Freeze Shelter** is in need of sunscreen, insect repellent and camping supplies in these warm months when many without homes are camping.

First Church Giving Opportunities
1st Sunday of the Month- Supportive Friends Sunday

- First Church Deacon's fund
- The Community Meal program
- "Love Offerings" honoring our friends and family

2nd Sunday of the Month- Sheltering Sunday

- Holy Family Shelter & the No-Freeze Shelter
- Our First Church Building fund

3rd Sunday of the Month- Sustenance Sunday

Welcoming gifts of food items and funds for:

- The Soup Kitchen
- Our First Church Blessing Box
- Tuna Church for Access Agency

4th Sunday of the Month- School & Service Sunday:

- Items for Church World Service School Kits and Hygiene Kits

CALENDAR

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| Sunday, June 6 | 10:15am Worship with Holy Communion |
| Wednesday, June 9 | 10:30am Book Group on the lawn |
| Thursday, June 10 | 5:30pm Governing Board on Zoom
7pm Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary |
| Sunday, June 13 | 10:15am Worship |