

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

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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME + JUNE 27, 2021

Welcome to Our Guests!

We're delighted you have joined us for worship; the members are the ministers of this church... if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us!

Welcome and Greeting

Opening Hymn

When in Our Music God is Glorified
When, in our music, God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried,
"Alleluia!"

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound "Alleluia!"

So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue:

"Alleluia!"

And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the Light? Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: "Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: "Alleluia!" CH7

Call to Healing and Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Companion in life and death, your love is steadfast and never ends; our weeping may linger with night, but you give joy in the morning. Touch us with your healing grace that, restored to wholeness, we may live out our calling as your resurrection people. Amen.



Gospel Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took

her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Reflection



Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

O God, for the church around the world we pray, for congregations returning to worship spaces, for troubled denominations, for people of faith facing persecution, and for our own assembly:

For your earth we pray, for lands suffering under excessive heat, for waters rising along coastlines, for animals deprived of habitats, and for our own green spaces:

For the nations we pray, that governments learn the ways of peace and cooperation, that the poor receive food and shelter and respect, that gun violence and all prejudices come to an end:

For the sick and afflicted we pray, for children who are at the point of death, for women who endure hemorrhaging, for persons who receive no relief from physicians, for everyone who will contract COVID-19, and for those we name here before you. . .

For ourselves we pray, that we live in the peace of Christ, and that you receive our private pleas:

Into your heart we commit for all whom we pray, trusting in the grace made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray, saying...

Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is most comfortable for you.

The following are offered as examples...

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/trespasses,
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 How Can I Keep from Singing Gwyneth Walker Offerings may be placed in the collection boxes at the entrances to our worship space, mailed to: First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC. Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250, or given online at www.myfcc.info

Benediction

ANNOUCEMENTS

About This Morning's Hymn. The lyrics for "When in Our Music God is Glorified" were authored by Fred Pratt Green in 1971. Pratt, a British Methodist minister, wrote some plays and hymns during his time on ministerial circuits, but did not begin writing extensively until his retirement in 1969. This hymn is from his prolific retirement period. Although this hymn is a recent addition to church hymnals, it has quickly become a popular congregational song. It is a favorite hymn of Sarah's and we sing it in thanksgiving for her ministry among us these past two years.

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

Sunday, June 27 10:15am Worship in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 30 10:30am Book Group on the lawn

Sunday, July 4 10:15am Worship with Holy Communion on the lawn