



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

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All the Members, Ministers

Rev. Joseph Blotz, Pastor + Erik Haeger, Organist

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME + AUGUST 15, 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!*

Playing the Chimes and Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Hymn **Blessed Assurance** **CH543**

Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and

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ine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spi-rit, washed in his
sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove, ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of
blest, watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his

8
blood. This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day
love.
love.

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long; this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long

Call to Healing and Opening Prayer

Hear these words from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving

thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When in this past week have we not given thanks?
When have we not lived in ways that were wise?

Let us pray.

Holy Wisdom, God of abundant life, you call us to the banquet of your love. We find you in the gifts you give; we know you in the ones with whom we share food, and in the bread of life, Jesus, your Child. Grant that we may be bread for others, as he is bread for us. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greatorex



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 111

Great are the works of God,
The Lord's praise endures forever.

Gospel

John 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Reflection

Jordyn Dickey

Call to Prayer

Hear Us O Lord

Don Beisig and Nancy Price



Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

For the Church: that we may recognize our bodies as temples of the living God and be open to the continuing marvels that God does in our lives

For the transformation of our society: that our fidelity to God will help us be a sign to our society that God is with us and active in our midst

For all who hunger after justice and righteousness: that they may be sustained by word and sacrament as they await the fulfillment of God's promises,

For the conversion of the strong and mighty: that God will change the hearts of all who misuse their power or oppress others and bring them to a new appreciation of the dignity of each person

For all who are suffering: that God will guide the homeless to safe shelter, bring healing to the sick, and give strength and hope to those facing addictions

For all who are grieving: that their faith will bring them to a new awareness of God's presence and faithfulness to them

For all who have lost homes, jobs, or property to wildfires: that God will give them strength, renew their spirits, and open up opportunities and resources for them

For healing in our communities: that God will heal the wounds from violence in our cities and homes, bring an end to domestic violence, and lead hearts to new ways to settle disputes

For all leaders in government: that they will use their power and influence to address the needs of the voiceless and powerless in society

For all healthcare workers: that God will renew their strength, keep them safe from the virus, and help them to be signs of hope to all who are will

For an end to drought: that God will send rain to all the areas that are suffering from lack of water and give courage to all who are protecting livestock or plantings

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.**

Musical Offering

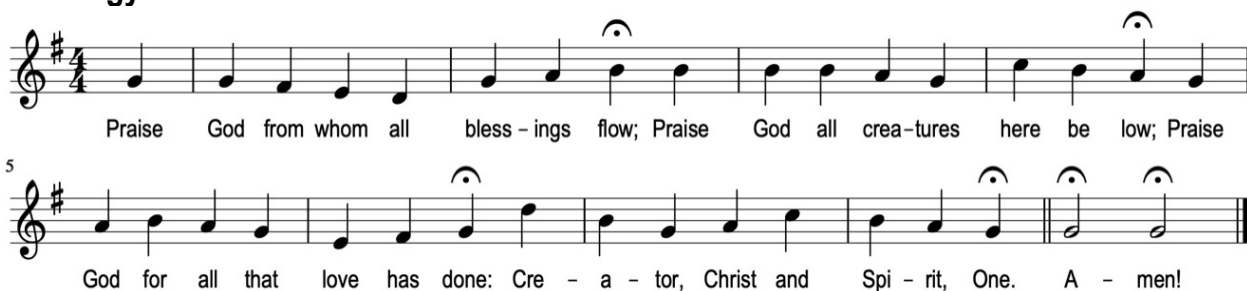
I Am the Bread of Life

Sr. Suzanne Toolan

*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*



Doxology



Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray.

Generous, transforming God, thank you for the blessing these gifts which life and labor have brought into our hands to share with those in need. We dedicate them now as an expression of your love for the world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

CH33

O Lord my God! when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, and hear the
And when I think that God, the Son not spar - ing, sent him to
When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion to take me

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall full my heart. Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der! thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played. Then sings my
gran - deur and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze. Then sings my
bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion, and there pro - claim, my God how great thou art!

soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Benediction

CALENDAR

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| Sunday, August 15 | 10:15am Worship on the Lawn
after worship, Discussion of <i>Praying with our Feet</i> |
| Wednesday, August 18 | 10:30am Book Group on the lawn |
| Sunday, August 22 | 10:15am Worship on the Lawn |

Church World Service School and Hygiene Kit Shopping List

As stores start their "Back to School" sales, the Sewing and Service group would like you to take advantage of the sales for of the following items that we need for the school kits which we make.

This year we need:

42 Blunt scissors

Spiral bound notebooks with 70 pages to total 200 -210 pages per kit

40 12" Rulers that have centimeters noted on them

10 Hand held pencil sharpener

30 Large eraser

218 New unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

27 Boxes of 24 crayons per box

Also for health kits we need a minimum of

37 hand towels

19 wash cloths

16 toothbrushes individually wrapped

42 nail clippers

28 individually wrapped bars of soap

192 1" bandaids

There will be a box makes "Sewing and Service" near the Brown's Rd. entrance to the church where you can place your items. Any questions please contact Sharon Foster-Chalecki.