

Prayer of Dedication
Let us pray.

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share.
Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern
for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth.

Hymn

The Summons

John Bell/Kelvingrove

Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the le - per clean and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
Will you let me ans - wer prayer in you and you in me?
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Benediction

CALENDAR	
Sunday, September 12	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle
Monday, September 13	10am First Church leads Worship at St Joseph Living Center
Tuesday, September 14	6pm Adult Education Series: Sermon on the Mount on Zoom
Wednesday, September 15	1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, September 19	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle



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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME + SEPTEMBER 12, 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

Crashing Waters at Creation

Sylvia Dunstan/STUTT GART

Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion or - dered by the Spi - rit's breath,
Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
Clean - sing wat - ter at the Jor - dan closed a - round the One fore - told,
Li - ving Wa - ter, ne - ver end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul,

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first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age chan - nel to a life made new.
op - ened to re - veal the glo - ry, ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, Source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Remembering Water in the Season of Creation

Gloria Patri

Henry W. Greatorex

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three - in - One; as it

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19

The heavens declare your glory, O God, and the firmament shows your handiwork.
**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
**Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**
In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
**Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the soul;
your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart;
your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.
**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer.**

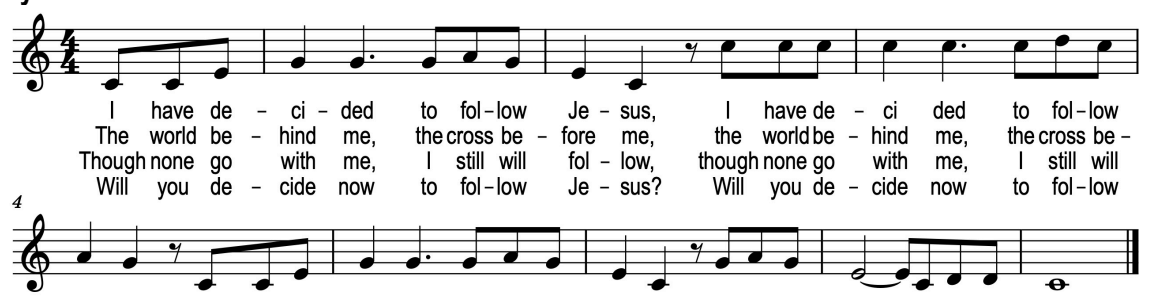
Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Hymn

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - ci ded to fol - low
The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus, I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus - no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me - no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
fol - low, though none go with me, I still will fol - low - no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

Reflections on the Work of the No Freeze Project

Avery Lenhart and Curtis Ehler

Call to Prayer

Hear Us O Lord

Don Beisig and Nancy Price



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

Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is most comfortable for you.
The following are offered as examples...

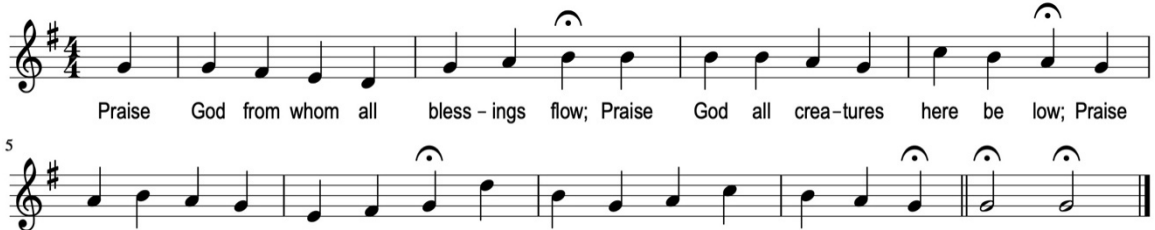
Our Father/Mother/Creator,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts/sins/trespases,
as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

Bobbi Giardina

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



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures here be low; Praise

God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!