



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

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + JANUARY 16, 2022

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

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

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Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer

Hear these words from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

When have we neglected the gifts the Spirit has given?

Who have we dismissed the gifts the Spirit has given to another?

silence

O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there. Transform our hearts by

your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of your love as one body in Christ. Amen.

Song of Praise

Paul Vasile

Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has
end, world with-out end, A - men. World with-out end, world with-out
4 par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free! As it was in the be-ginning, is
end, A - men. World with-out e - nd, world with-out end, A - men.
8 1. now and ev - er shall be, A - men World with-out 2. men!

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalter

Psalms 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Gospel

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Reflection

The Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

For the Church: that inspired Mary's words, we may become better disciples by doing all that God asks of us

For a greater recognition of the Spirit's gifts: that we utilize the gifts that we have been given and encourage one another to build up the Body of Christ and to serve those who are in need

For healing of the divisions within the human family: that racism, sexism, and prejudice may cease and that each person may be welcomed with dignity and respect

For all who work for social and racial justice in our society: that they may faithfully give witness to the Good News that all people are daughters and sons of God

For an end to violence in families, amongst neighbors, and in our city streets: that God will turn hearts from violence and help all people to work together to build the City of God

For all who are ill: that God will bring healing to all who are sick, protect the human family from the spread of the virus, and give strength to all healthcare workers

For peace: that God will turn hearts from warfare and violence and help the human family address the needs for food, medicine, and education

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

Offerings may be placed in passed plates, mailed to:

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Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250, or given online at www.myfcc.info

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be low; Praise
5 God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

Prayer of Dedication

Living God, your radiance shines in the beauty of creation. May our offerings support the work of this church, lifting up your hope and new life in our community. We dedicate ourselves to serving you through Jesus, the Light of the World. Amen.

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

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Benediction

The Week Ahead...

Sunday, January 16 10:15am Worship and Worship Circle

Tuesday, January 18 7pm Prayers at the End of the Day on Facebook

Wednesday, January 19 11am-1pm Open Office Hours
1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 20 9:30 Quilt Group
7pm Music Ministry Check In on Zoom

Sunday, January 23 10:15am Worship and Worship Circle