



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

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + FEBRUARY 6, 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

Jesus Calls Us

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Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer

Hear these words from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians: For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

When in this past week have we been ignorant of the ways God has appeared in our lives?

silence

Loving God, you have called forth disciples and prophets to live and speak your word. Give us ears to hear, lives to respond, and voices to proclaim the good news of salvation, which we know in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song of Praise

Paul Vasile

Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines one me, and to the Christ, 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
end, A - men. World with-out e - nd, world with-out end, A - men.
7 was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, A - men World with-out men!

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Psalter

Psalms 138

I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They will sing of the ways of God, that great is the glory of God,
who is on high, yet cares for the lowly, and perceives the haughty from
afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall
save me.

**You will make good your purpose for me;
O God, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your
hands.**

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who are partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Reflection

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

For the Church: that we may be attentive to God's invitations and allow Jesus to draw our attention away from our fear and limits so that we can respond to all that God asks

For peace: that God will inspire those working to reduce tension in Eastern Europe, bring forth new understanding of one another's concerns, and open new paths for justice and respect

For all who are ill: that God will heal the sick, lift the burden of those with mental illness, inspire healthcare providers with insights, and give strength to their families
God forever

For all who are suffering: that God will protect communities from violence, bring relief to those facing starvation or drought, guide those who are facing the power of nature

For all who have died: that they may share fully in the new life of the resurrection and live with God forever

For all who feel unwelcome or unworthy before God: that God's unconditional love may heal and free them so that they may live in the freedom of the children of God

*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

Sleepers, Wake!

J S Bach

Laurel Thurman, violin; Erik Haeger, piano

*Offerings may be placed in passed plates, mailed to:
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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

Holy God, we give you thanks for the diverse gifts you have bestowed upon us. Bless us with your Spirit that they may be used to proclaim your good news in word and deed. Amen.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

God is with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We open them up to God and one another.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Musical Response

Santo Santo Santo

Traditional Argentine

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: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

Sharing the Bread and Cup

All are welcome at Christ's table; we offer non-alcoholic juice and gluten-free bread.

Hymn

Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore

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You are invited to sing in English or Spanish, as is comfortable

Benediction

Deacon's Fund Each Communion Sunday it is our custom to collect a special second offering to be used by the Pastor to support special needs of members of our congregation and wider community. Please use the envelopes marked "Deacon's Fund" to contribute to this ministry.

The Week Ahead...

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| Sunday, February 6 | 10:15am Worship and Worship Circle |
| Monday, February 7 | 10am First Church leads Worship at St Joseph Living Center |
| Tuesday, February 8 | 7pm Prayers at the End of the Day on Facebook |
| Wednesday, February 9 | 11am-1pm Open Office Hours
1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall
First Church Hosts the Community Supper at First Baptist,
Willimantic |
| Thursday, February 10 | 5:30pm Governing Board on Zoom |
| Sunday, February 13 | 10:15am Worship and Worship Circle |