



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

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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + MAY 22, 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**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Opening Hymn**

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

CH530

**Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer**

Hear these words from the Acts of the Apostles: We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

When in this past week have we failed to open our hearts and listen?

*Silence*

**Gracious God, grant that we may be like Paul and like Lydia, our hearts responsive to your word and open to go where you lead us. Amen.**

**Song of Praise***Gloria*

Christopher Grundy

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Glo - ry to the Cre-a - tor, and the Christ, and the Spir-it so near, as it  
was from the start so it shall be for - ev-er one God, al-ways here.

**Christian Scripture**

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**Psalter**

Psalm 67: Now Thank We All Our God

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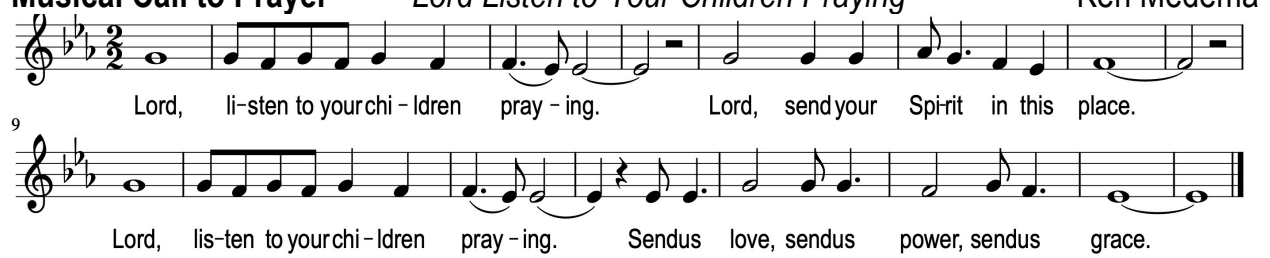
**Gospel**

John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

## Reflection

**Musical Call to Prayer**      *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying*      Ken Medema



Lord, li-sten to your chi - ldren pray - ing.      Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

9      Lord, lis-ten to your chi - ldren pray - ing.      Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

## Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

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

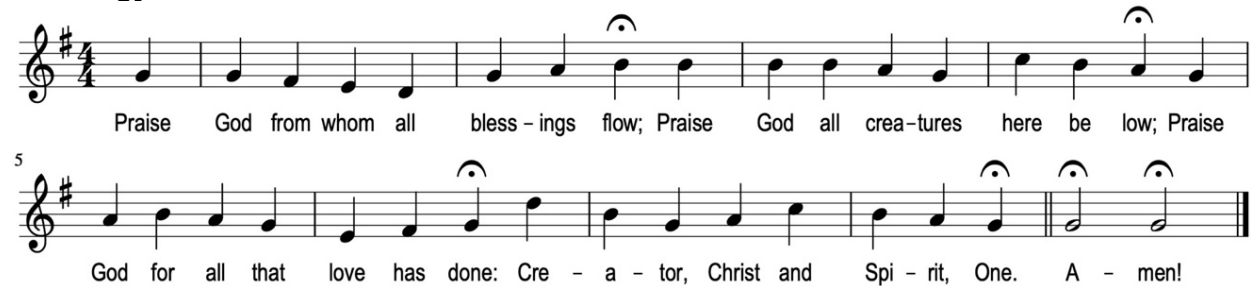
*The following are offered as examples...*

**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/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**      *Shall We Gather at the River*      Robert Lowry

*Offerings may be placed in passed plates, mailed to:  
First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC.  
Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250, or given online at [www.myfcc.info](http://www.myfcc.info)*

## Doxology



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures 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**

**Lord Jesus, you break bread and we recognize you; you are the fire that burns within us. Use us and these gifts to light the world. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

CH677

**Benediction**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ in risen indeed! Alleluia!**

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

**The Week Ahead...**

Sunday, May 22                    10:15am Worship and Worship Circle

Monday, May 23            10am First Church leads Worship at St Joseph Living Center  
7pm Take Note Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 25 1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall  
1pm Digital Ministry Team Training in Sanctuary

Sunday, May 29                    10:15am Worship and Worship Circle