



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

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SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022 – TRINITY SUNDAY

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

Come, Great God of All the Ages
(*hymn tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH, CH 459*)
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1. Come, great God of all the ages,
Make Your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person,
Let Your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment,
Give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building,
Dedicate us to the task.

2. Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit,
Sure foundation, cornerstone,
Help us form the church eternal,
May Your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower,
Lead all people to Your way;
Urge us to strong faith and action
As we build the church today.

3. Come, great Spirit, in and with us,
Tune our ears to hear Your call;
Through the moving of Your presence,
Let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication,
Love embodied in our deeds;
Challenge us to do Your bidding,
See Your purpose, fill all needs.

4. Come, O come, in celebration,
Household of the one true God,
In commitment and rejoicing
Let us go where Christ has trod;
As we act in faith and reverence,
Let us, Lord, the future see;
Place us in the church triumphant,
Now and for eternity

Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer

Let us join together in confessing our brokenness before God and one another.

O God, even as we celebrate your unity, we know that sometimes we forget
the beauty of your three persons. We hold to your transcendent life as Creator

and keep at a distance the challenges of Christ. We bow before your glory and keep your humanness away from the reality of our own lives..

Forgive us, Jesus Christ.

Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit,

and go on creating within us, Creator God.

~ brief time of silent reflection ~

The words God speaks

are the life and sustenance of all that exists.

The life Jesus gives

is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn.

The Spirit's stirring in our souls

is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God; may our whole lives be worship. In all things, may we seek to connect with and to reflect your love and your hope.

Amen.

Song of Praise

Gloria Patri

traditional

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.

Hebrew Scripture

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

“To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live....

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.
 Before the mountains had been shaped,
 before the hills, I was brought forth—
 when he had not yet made earth and fields,
 or the world's first bits of soil.
 When he established the heavens, I was there,
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
 when he made firm the skies above,
 when he established the fountains of the deep,
 when he assigned to the sea its limit,
 so that the waters might not transgress his command,
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a
 master worker;
 and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,
 rejoicing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the human race.

Psalter

Psalm 8

CH 728

Christian Scripture

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Gospel

John 16:12-15

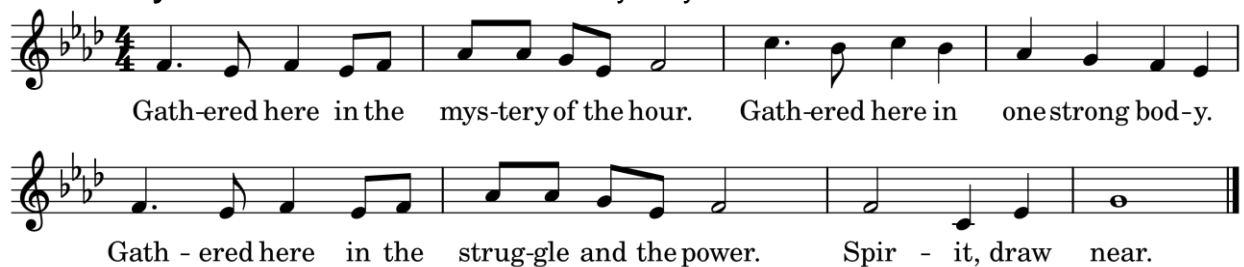
Reflection

Deb Hubbell

Call to Prayer

Gathered Here in the Mystery of the Hour

NCH 742



Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of the hour. Gath-ered here in onestrong bod-y.
 Gath - ered here in the strug-ple and the power. Spir - it, draw near.

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

During the Prayers of the People, when you hear the phrase “God of grace,” the congregation will respond with “**hear our prayer.**”

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 Amazing Grace offered by Erik Haeger

*Offerings may be placed in passed plates, mailed to: First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC.
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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

Loving God, may these gifts, given gratefully, be brought to life through the power of your creative Spirit. Multiply and use them to bring the word and the touch of Jesus to your people in this place and throughout the world. Amen

Hymn

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

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Benediction

So now we leave this space of worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path constantly changing,

we know some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love.
We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit is there,
found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other,
until we meet we again,

Go in peace.

~ by Rev. Nora Vedress, Calvary United Church in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada.

The grace of Christ Jesus,
the love of God and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you!



THE WEEK AHEAD...

Today at 3pm	Take Note! Concert
Monday, 10am	First Church leads Worship at St Joseph Living Center
Wednesday, 1pm	Book Group in Fellowship Hall
Thursday, 5:00pm	Windham Association Annual Meeting & Potluck
6:30pm	Amy-Jill Levine: "Understanding Jesus Means Understanding Judaism"
Sunday, 10:15am	Worship and Worship Circle



Pastor Joe has begun his three-month sabbatical (June through August.) There is a schedule for worship leadership this summer that can be found on our website, www.myFCC.info.

The Ministry of Caring will arrange for any pastoral care that is needed. Contact information can be found on magnets that are available in the front of the sanctuary.