



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

549 Storrs Rd. P.O. Box 36 Mansfield Center, CT 06250

860.423.9008 + www.myfcc.info

All the Members, Ministers

Rev. Joseph Blotz, Pastor + Erik Haeger, Organist

Olivia Russell, Worship Circle Coordinator

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022, THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

CH 97

Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer

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

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen.**

**Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:
in the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of
the world.**

May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen

silence

Let us pray.

**Beckoning God, as you moved in the lives of your people of old,
move in our lives, inviting us to journey to unknown territory, to
listen for your voice, and to speak your prophetic word in a world
that does not want to hear. empowered by your Spirit, grant us the
courage we need to journey, trust, listen, speak, and accept your
commission to be your faithful servant people. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Gloria Patri

Greatorex

Glo - ry to the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three - in - One; as it
was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

Hebrew Scripture

Proverbs 3:13-26

Happy are those who find Wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a Tree of Life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called (blessed).

By Wisdom (God) founded the earth;
by understanding, (God) established the heavens;
by (God's) knowledge the deeps broke open,
and the clouds drop down the dew.
My child, do not let these escape from your sight:
keep Wisdom and prudence,
and they will be life for your soul
and adornment for your neck.

Then you will walk on your way securely
and your foot will not stumble.
If you sit down, you will not be afraid;
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
Do not be afraid of sudden panic,
or of the storm that strikes the wicked;
for (God) will be your confidence
and will keep your foot from being caught.

Epistle

Colossians 1:15-20

(Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, (Jesus) entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at (Jesus') feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help

me.” But (Jesus) answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Reflection

“Do-Be-Do-Be-Do”

The Rev. Lois Happe

Call to Prayer

Hear Us O Lord

Don Besig and Nancy Price

9 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. A small number '9' is placed at the beginning of the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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.**

Offering Hymn

Holy Wisdom

CH 258

*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*

Doxology

5 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!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. A small number '5' is placed at the beginning of the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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

Closing Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CH 66

Benediction

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, July 17 10:15am Worship & Worship Circle
Thursday, July 21 9:30-4:30 Quilting Group
Sunday, July 24 10:15am Worship & Worship Circle

Year of Sharing

Our community support for the month of July is dedicated to the No-Freeze and Domestic Violence shelters. For each Sunday of the month, envelopes will be available in the weekly worship bulletin and narthex for those in our church family & visitors who wish to contribute.

SABBATICAL SUPPORT

Communication and Email

Libby Scott

Calendar and Digital Ministry

Deb Hubbell

Pastoral Care

Cheryl Chase
Donna Clauson
Carol Fineout
Julia Sherman

Funerals and Memorial Services

Rev. Pat Felletter

Worship Leaders for July and August

July 3	Rev. Pat Felletter
July 10	Howard Drescher
July 17	Rev. Lois Happe
July 24	Julie Menard
July 31	Cheryl Chase
August 7	Rev. Pat Felletter
August 14	Laurel Thurman
August 21	Howard Drescher
August 28	Bobbi Giardina