



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

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**JULY 31, 2022 – THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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**

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

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**Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer**

Hear these words from Paul in his letter to the Colossians: "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died with Christ, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you will also appear with him in Glory.

When in this past week have we set our minds on earthly things?  
When have we forgotten the fruits of the spirit that God has bestowed upon us?

*silence*

Let us pray.

**God, you are the source of all true joy in life. Please help us to receive all the blessings you give us with thanksgiving and gratitude in our heart.**

**Song of Praise**

**Gloria Patri**

H. Greatorex

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

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalter

Psalms 107:1-9, 33-34

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Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Reflection

Cheryl Chase

Call to Prayer

Hear Us O Lord

Don Besig and Nancy Price

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.

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

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

**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.**

Musical Offering

Melodie – Gluck/Kreisler

Laurel Thurman & Erik Haeger

*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

God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

### **Prayer of Dedication**

As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen

**Hymn**

*The Gift of Love*

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### **Benediction**

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### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

Sunday, July 31            10:15am Worship & Worship Circle

Thursday, August 4        9:30-noon Sewing and Service in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 7            10:15am Worship with Communion & 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            Carol Fineout  
Donna Clauson            Julia Sherman

#### **Funerals and Memorial Services**

Rev. Pat Felletter

### **WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST**

August 7	Rev. Pat Felletter
August 14	Laurel Thurman
August 21	Howard Drescher
August 28	Bobbi Giardina