



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

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022, THE TWENTY-SECOND 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 Come, Come Whoever You Are *Rumi poem; Music: Lynn Adair Ungar*

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.**

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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

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

2 Chronicles 5:7, 11-14

⁷ Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.

¹¹ Now when the priests came out of the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without regard to their divisions), ¹² all the levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, their sons and kindred, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, stood east of the altar with one hundred and twenty priests who were trumpeters, ¹³ it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the LORD,

‘For he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever’,

the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, ¹⁴ so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

Psalter

Psalm 95:1-7

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Christian Scripture

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reflection

Bobbi Giardina

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.

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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.
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 Music

Somos El Barco
Words and Music: Lorre Wyatt

offered by Bobbi Giardina

*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

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures here be low; Praise
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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

Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth

Benediction

CALENDAR

Today 10:15 am Worship & Worship Circle
 5:00 pm Carillon Concert at Storrs Congregational Church

Thursday, Sep 1 9:30 am Sewing & Service

Sunday, Sep 4 10:15 am Worship & Worship Circle **Pastor Joe returns!**

Our Blessing Box is in need of canned proteins, pasta and veggies.

Year of Blessing focus for the coming month will be WAIM.

Read What Pastor Joe is Reading this Month

– *“Tiny Homes in a Big City”* the story of how a mainline faith community invested in building tiny home villages to house people experiencing homelessness and used some of its own underutilized resources.

Pastoral Care

If you have pastoral needs this summer, contact the church office - phone and email are being monitored.

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