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OCTOBER 9, 2022 + THE TWENTY-EIGHTH 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**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

CH5

Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer

Hear these words from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David--that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship... Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful-- for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

When in this past week have we been faithless?

silence

Wholeness of the sick and Home of the exile, give us grace to seek the well-being of those among whom we live, so that all people may come to know the healing of your love and new voices join to give you thanks in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song of Praise

Glory Glory! Hallelujah!

African American Spiritual

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Glo-ry, glo-ry! Ha-le - lu - jah! Sincel laid my bur-dens down.
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* Please rise in body or in spirit as you are willing and able.

Hebrew Scripture

2 Kings 5:1-3, 5-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana^[a] and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

Psalter

Psalm 66

DIX



Make a joy-ful noise to God! All cre-a-tion sings your praise!
Come and see what God has done; great the bless-ings to the just;
Bless the Lord, our re-fuge sure; let your song of praise be heard!

Great your won-ders here dis-played, un-ex-celled through-out our days.
walked the cho-sen through the sea; brought their en-em-ies to dust.
By whose jus-tice we are tried; by whose grace our guilt de-ferred.

Glo-rious is your sa-cred name, ag-es old, yet still the same.
Let us lift a thank-ful voice for God's mer-cies and re-joice!
When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heav-nly home.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Reflection

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.

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

Let All the Earth
offered by Bobbi Giardina

Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek.

*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!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Faithful One, you have called us to be stewards of all that you have created; may we demonstrate our commitment to your work in this world by offering these gifts for ministry in this place and beyond. Amen

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Musical Response

Santo Santo Santo

Traditional Argentine

San - to, san - to, san - to. Mi co - ra - zon te a - do - ral! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

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co - ra - zon te sa - be de - cir: San - to eres, Se - nor!
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

Sharing the Bread and Cup

All are welcome at Christ's table; we offer non-alcoholic juice and gluten-free bread.

***Hymn**

Let All Things Now Living

CH717

***Benediction**

The Week Ahead...

Sunday, October 9	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle
Monday, October 10	10am, First Church Leads Worship at St. Joseph Living Center 7pm, Take Note! In Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 11	10:30am, First Church Leads Worship at MCNR 6pm, Special Olympics in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, October 12	1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall
Thursday, October 13	12:15pm Contemplative Communion in the Yellow Office 5:30 pm Governing Board on Zoom
Sunday, October 16	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle