



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

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**June 15, 2025**

**Trinity Sunday ~ First Sunday after Pentecost ~ Fathers' Day**

**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**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Prelude**

Erik Haeger

**Centering in the Spirit**

Gary Côté

Leader: On this Trinity Sunday, we praise and honor the one God who is revealed to us in three ways.

**All: We give thanks for our Creator God, who nurtures us, guides us and loves us like a devoted Parent.**

Leader: We rejoice in the abiding presence of the Christ, who walks beside us, stands up for us, and is loyal like a trusted sibling.

**All: We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, who descended on Pentecost, bringing power, peace and purpose to believers.**

Leader: As we have stepped out of the everyday flow of life and culture, we give ourselves now to our God,

**All: Who comes to us in prayer, song, word and silence as Creator, Christ and Spirit!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Bring Many Names*

**CH10**

1 Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory, living, loving God.  
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

3 Warm father God, hugging every child,  
feeling all the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:  
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

2 Strong mother God, working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation, genius at play:  
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

4 Old, aching God, grey with endless care,  
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,  
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:  
Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!

5 Young, growing God, eager, on the move,  
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,  
crying out for justice, giving all you have:  
Hail and Hosanna, young, growing God!

6 Great, living God, never fully known,  
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:  
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

### Prayer for Transformation

Great Living God, like the Psalmist of old, we sometimes wonder: “Who are we that you are mindful us?” You have created us all in your image — a little lower than you, and crowned with glory and honor — yet we know that we are each different in so many ways. We are sometime fragile, sometimes strong; sometimes wise, sometimes quite foolish; sometimes loving, sometimes cold and uncaring; sometimes courageous, sometimes weary and lost. We come to you this morning longing for healing, affirmation, grace, empowerment, compassion and guidance. Please, Triune God of Transformation, meet us in these moments of sacred silence as Creator-Parent, Sibling-Christ, Peace-Spirit, to reassure us that you are indeed mindful of us. Amen.

*moment of silence*

### Words of Grace

These precious few moments of quiet reflection have brought us closer to God, and God is already responding. The divine gifts of grace, mercy, redemption, wisdom and love are being showered upon us in endless abundance. God is indeed mindful of us, and God will never turn away. Thanks be to God!

### \*Song of Praise

*Glory to God*

Paul Vasile

Glo - ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has  
World with-out end, world with-out end, A - men. World with-out end, world with-out  
par - doned me, and to the Spir - it whose love has set me free! As it  
end, A - men. World with-out end, world with-out end, A - men.  
was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, A - men.

### Christian Scripture

Romans 5:1-5

5:1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
2 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. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction  
produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does  
not put us to shame, 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

16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth  
comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears,  
and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me because he will take what is

mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

## Reflection

“Affliction, Endurance, Character and Hope”

## Hymn

*I Shall Not Be Moved*

CH615

Refrain:

I shall not be, I shall not be moved.  
I shall not be, I shall not be moved;  
like a tree planted by the water,  
I shall not be moved.

1 When my cross is heavy,  
I shall not be moved,  
when my cross is heavy,  
I shall not be moved;  
like a tree planted by the water,  
I shall not be moved.

2 When my burden's heavy,  
I shall not be moved,  
when my burden's heavy,  
I shall not be moved;  
like a tree planted by the water,  
I shall not be moved.

3 If my friends forsake me,  
I shall not be moved,  
If my friends forsake me,  
I shall not be moved;  
like a tree planted by the water,  
I shall not be moved.

## Call to Prayer

Hear Us O Lord

Don Besig and Nancy Price



## Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

*Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is 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.**

## Invitation to Generosity

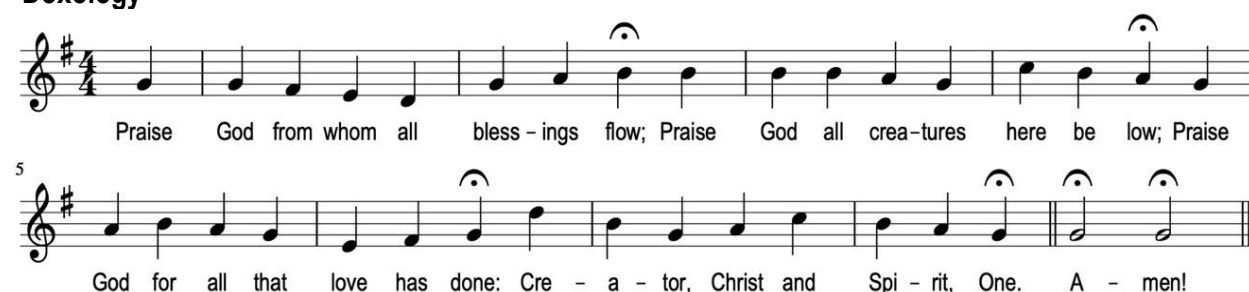
Just as our Creator is forever mindful of us like a watchful, loving parent, so are we taught by Jesus to be diligently mindful of our neighbors — especially those who are marginalized and dehumanized, lack sufficient food, shelter and healthcare, and yearn to be heard and seen. May the gifts we bring today help to address these urgent needs through the ministries and missions of our church. Our morning offering will now be received.

*Your financial offerings may be placed in the collection plates as they come around,  
or mailed to: First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC, PO Box 36, Mansfield Center, CT 06250,*

## Musical Offering

Erik Haeger

### \*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

**We ask your blessing, Mindful God, on the gifts that we bring to you this day. May your abiding Pentecost Spirit carry the fruits of our giving to the people and places who are most in need, and assure them as well that they are not overlooked or forgotten. Please keep us ever-mindful and ever-vigilant for all of the ways that we may continue to respond to Jesus' call to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Amen.**

### \*Closing Hymn

*Standing on the Promises*

**CH552**

1 Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.

[Refrain:]  
Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
list'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

### \*Benediction

Now may God bless you and keep you;  
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;  
May God's countenance be lifted up upon you and give you peace. Amen.

### **\*Passing the Peace**

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, is with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share with one another a sign of that peace.

### **Postlude**

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### **THE WEEK AHEAD...**

#### **TODAY**

10:15 a.m. Worship & Worship Circle

11:30 a.m. Intergenerational Music Making

5:00 p.m. PFLAG Mansfield Tolland

#### **Tuesday, June 17**

5:30 p.m. Worth Fighting For (Indivisible) Hybrid Meeting

#### **Wednesday, June 18**

1:00 p.m. Book Group

5:30 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee

#### **Saturday, June 21**

12:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

#### **Sunday, June 22**

10:15 a.m. Worship & Worship Circle

11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting

2:00 p.m. Quiet Corner Indivisible CT