



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

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**June 14, 2026 - Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**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**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

Erik Haeger

**Call to Worship**

Janna Pederson

On an ordinary Sunday,  
we come to worship God:

**we come, trusting God will speak to us;**

**we come, hoping God will surprise us.**

On this day, like every other day,  
we seek to follow Jesus:

**we follow, believing Jesus will be with us;**

**we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.**

On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:

**we open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us;**

**we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Call to Reconciliation**

## Prayer of Confession

**How easily we pat ourselves on the back, Listening Love, for the lives we lead. We welcome the praise of others, but have little compassion for those who have failed us. We assume that a comfortable life is our birthright, yet believe poor choices produce suffering for those around us. We boast of the good we do, but forget to thank you for all that you have given to us. Forgive us, Companion of Compassion, for breaking your heart, and disappointing your hopes for us. As we seek to follow your Child, may we be found with those whose lives are barren, with those who know little laughter in their day, with those who have received no love from others - for in their presence, we will find Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*Silence is kept*

## Assurance of Grace

Janna Pederson

Listen to the good news - the kingdom of God is very near. As close as a child's laughter, as embracing and as enfolding as a parents' love and tender care.

**We are God's people:  
called, that we may follow;  
gifted, that we may serve;  
forgiven, that we might bring hope.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

CH 56

## Hebrew Scripture

*Psalm 100*

Janna Pederson

*We will make a joyful noise to you, O Lord, all the earth.  
We will serve you, O Lord, with gladness;  
and come into your presence with singing.  
We know that you are the Lord our God.  
It is you who made us, and we are your people;  
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.  
We enter your gates with thanksgiving  
and your courts with praise.  
We give thanks to you and bless your name.  
For the you are good;  
Your steadfast love endures forever  
and your faithfulness to all generations.*

**\*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.

**Gospel Reading***Matthew 9:18-30a*

*While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.*

*As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you have faith that I can do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith, let it be done to you." And their eyes were opened.*

**Pastoral Meditation***The Inspiration*

## 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

### Pastoral Prayer

#### The Prayer of Jesus

*Please pray with 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/trespases,  
as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/trespass against us.  
And help us yield not to/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

#### Offertory

"Quiet Faith of Man" by Bill Staines

Howard Drescher

#### \*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 (in unison)

Laurel Thurman

**Joyful Giver of Miracles, we come to you with hearts open to the unexpected, for you are the God who surprises us with joy, even in seasons of waiting and even through our disbelief. You meet us in the ordinariness of welcome, and you plant seeds of laughter that bloom into life. Bless these gifts, O God, that they may bear witness to your goodness and extend joy, hope, and welcome to the world you so love. May our giving be a reflection of our faith, and may our faith be full of laughter. In the name of the one who brings life out of impossibility, Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*O, How I Love Jesus*

CH 99

**\*Closing Prayer**

Holy are you, Compassion's Heart, and blessed is Jesus, our Way, Truth, and Life. He traveled our cities, our lives, our hearts to teach us of your hopes for us. He did not laugh at our foolish ways, but, with great compassion, he reached out to help us. Asking no payment, he gave himself to death, dying on our behalf, that we might discover the kingdom of heaven which is nearer to us than we would ever imagine. As we remember his life and death, as we seek to respond to his calling for us, go with us O God who is Love. 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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Portions of this morning's liturgy were written by the Rev. Thom M. Shuman in *Playing Hopscotch in Heaven: Lectionary Liturgies Year A* (2013). Permission has been granted.

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Our Greeters today are Sharon Foster-Chalecki and Carol Fineout.  
Digital Ministers are Robert Johnson and Penny Guerin.  
Our Cantor is Laurel Thurman.  
Coffee Hour is hosted by Sofia Mullor and Gema Redondo.

***Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship!***

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Our June Congregational Meeting will take place on**  
**Sunday, June 28th immediately following worship.**

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**~ Annual Reports Are Due ~**

We will need annual reports from the

- Pastor
- Worship Circle Coordinator
- Officers
- Governing Board
- AdMinistry
- Ministry of Caring
- Ministry of Spiritual Life

Any other committees, teams, or groups that have been active during the past 12 months are also asked to provide a brief summary of their activities, including groups such as the following:

- Book Group
- Capital Campaign Committee
- Digital Ministry
- Flower Committee
- Green Church
- Historians
- Pastoral Support Team
- Preparedness Team
- Search Committee
- Sewing and Service

Please email reports to Mandy at [office@mansfielducc.org](mailto:office@mansfielducc.org) **no later than TOMORROW.**

**THE WEEK AHEAD...**

**Wednesday, June 17**

1 p.m. Book Group

**Friday, June 19**

Office closed – Juneteenth Holiday

**Saturday, June 20**

12:30 p.m. Girl Scouts