



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

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Music for a Summer Sunday - August 30, 2026

Today's Worship Leader: Laurel Thurman

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 *Rock of Ages* Erik Haeger

Centering in the Spirit

***Opening Hymn** *All Creatures of Our God and King* CH 22

Responsive Reading *Psalms 98* CH750

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

God of light, God of music, we praise you for the gift of life, you who gave your Son life to defeat death and sin. When in our music you are glorified, it is as though the whole creation cries, "Alleluia!" All praise be to you, Gracious God, through your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever and to ages of ages. Amen

***Musical Response** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God, v. 1 & 4* CH65
Martin Luther, 1529

Reading and Reflection Proverbs 29:18 Stephen Russell

¹⁸ Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off restraint,
but happy are those who keep the law.

Musical Response

Be Thou My Vision v. 1, 2 & 4

CH595

Reading and Reflection

Psalm 145:2-3

Don Baxter

² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
³ Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

Musical Response

How Great Thou Art, v. 1, 2 & 4

CH33

Reading and Reflection

1 John 2:10

Jo-Ann Waide Wunschel

¹⁰ Whoever loves a brother or sister abides in the light, and in such a person there is
no cause for stumbling.

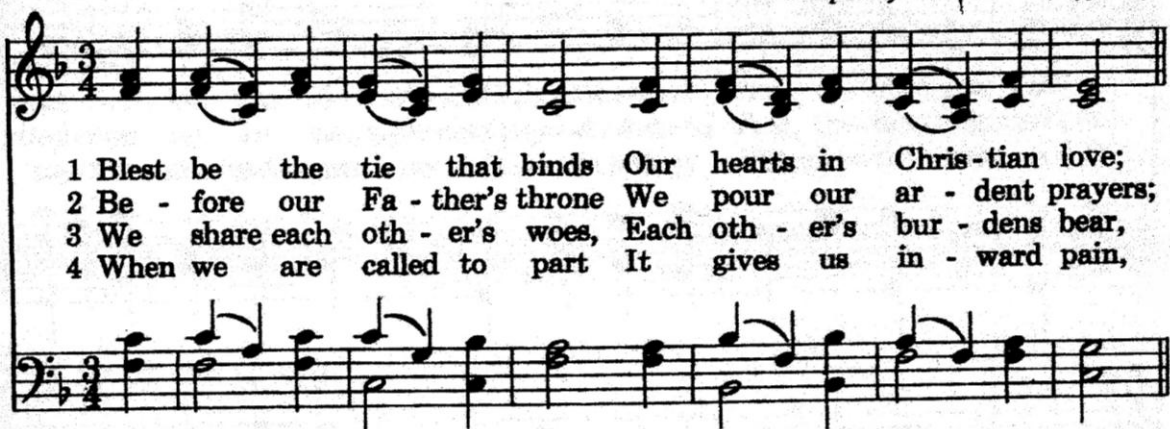
Musical Response

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

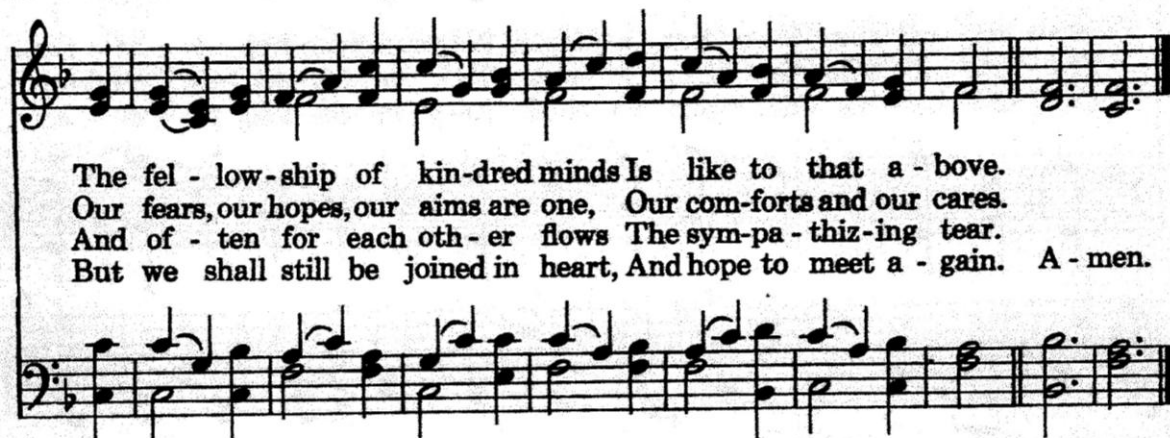
John Fawcett, 1739/40-1817

DENNIS S.M.

Melody by J. G. Nägeli, 1768?-1836
Adapted by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share each oth - er's woes, Each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
4 When we are called to part It gives us in - ward pain,



The fel - low-ship of kin-dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym-pa - thiz-ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet a - gain. A - men.

Reading and Reflection

Matthew 5:9

Linda Wenner

⁹ *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

Musical Response*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

CH677

Call to Prayer*Sweet Hour of Prayer, v. 1*

CH570

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer**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**Offertory**

*Will the Circle Be Unbroken
Traditional Appalachian*

FCC Quartet

***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)**

**Lord, we dedicate these offerings to the work of your church, and we ask
you to use all that we have and all that we are in your service. Amen**

Closing HymnMy Life Flows On*

CH619

Benediction

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

Sources for today's Reflections are "Music for Your Heart" by Ace Collins, "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan, and "Amazing Grace" by Kenneth W. Osbeck.

Our worship service is made available digitally for those who cannot attend in person. Footage from this service may also be used in marketing materials for our community. If you do not wish to have your likeness recorded, streamed, or photographed please inform a Greeter who can seat you appropriately.

Our Greeter this morning is Deb Richards.

Our Cantor is Laurel Thurman.

Our Digital Minister is Deb Hubbell.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for our Rally Day Potluck after worship!

THE WEEK AHEAD...

TODAY 3:00 pm Take Note! Rehearsal and potluck

Tuesday, Sept 1 10:30 am Monthly service at Mansfield Nursing & Rehab

Wednesday, Sept 2 1:00 pm Book Group
5:00 pm Meditation Group

Thursday, Sept 3 9:30 am Sewing & Service
4:00 pm Administry meeting

Saturday, Sept 6 12:00 pm Girl Scouts

Book Group to Resume after Summer Hiatus

The Reading Group is gearing up to start our next season on **Wednesday, September 2 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.**

We welcome new members at all times. The group chose *The Future is Peace* by Aziz Abu Sarah and Maoz Ino for our first book of the year. Come for spirited discussion and serious contemplation. If you would like to join us, Suzanne Bansal (ssbstorrs@gmail.com) will be happy to order a copy of the book for you, just let her know.

If you prefer to order yourself, please order the print version, not Kindle. We find it is more efficient to have identical print editions as we flip through the text during our discussions.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0F7G5GHYX?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_fed_asin_title

Celebrate Mansfield! Saturday, September 26th, downtown Storrs

We will be hosting an activity table with crafts for children and conducting a short community needs survey that will be used to inform our Strategic Plan.

There will be a planning meeting after church next Sunday, Sept 6th.

Please join us for the meeting if you are interested.

We will also be looking for volunteers on the day of the event - between 2pm and 6pm. Please contact Deb Richards or Olivia Russell if you are interested in volunteering but cannot make the planning meeting.

SAVE THE DATE!

**ANNUAL LASAGNA DINNER & AUCTION
Friday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m.**

Shopping List for Church World Service School Kits

We are still looking for items for the CWS School Kits. A collection bin is located at the front of the sanctuary, near the Brown's Road door. Thank you for your open hearts and continued support of the Ministry of Caring!

- **5** Packages of colored pencils (12 per package)
- **75** #2 unsharpened pencils
- **32** 12-inch rulers (with both inches and centimeters marked)
- **23** 70-page spiral-bound notebooks
- **22** Two-pocket folders
- **9** Packages of crayons (24 per package)
- **10** Glue sticks
- **20** Scissors (with blunt points)
- **15** Pencil sharpeners