Fellowship Hour: Dave, Barb & Carly Jacobson
Greeter: *Curtis Swanson*
Sight, Sound & Light: Matt Bryant, Robbie Gerlock, Tommy Gerlock, Amy Simpson, Wes Simpson, Curtis Swanson
Usher: *Curtis Swanson*
Worship Assistant: Jennifer Loudermilk

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The First Congregational Church of Spencer joyfully worships and praises God. Bound by our covenant, we strive to be the Body of Christ throughout the world by loving, helping and supporting our church family and others through fellowship, missions, and outreach. Our philosophy encourages all people to experience God's grace by freely thinking and building personal relationships with Christ to the glory of God.

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October 11, 2026 10:30 A.M.

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2026 10:30 a.m.

FOR YOUR REFLECTION

"We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone"

—Ronald Reagan

PRELUDE "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. by Anna Laura Page

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you. (extending arms)

People: And also, with you.

(Congregation responds with extended arms)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 142

Leader: I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy.

People: I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble.

Leader: When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who watch over my way.

People: In the path where I walk people have hidden a snare for me.

Leader: Look and see, there is no one at my right hand; no one is concerned for me.

People: I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

Leader: I cry to you, Lord;

People: I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

Leader: Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;

People: rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

Leader: Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name.

ALL: Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.

***OPENING HYMN** "We Walk by Faith" vs 1 #489

***INVOCATION: Heavenly Father, we ask you in Jesus' name to open our eyes so we might see those around us who are hurting. Open our ears that we might hear your words to share with them. Open our hearts to receive grace from you and to extend it to others around. Amen**.

***CHURCH COVENANT** (see screen)

***GLORIA PATRI**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jennifer Loudermilk

***PASS THE PEACE**

***PASTORAL PRAYER**

& LORD'S PRAYER (see screen)

THE OFFERING Ponder the gifts you will offer to God: your tithes, your time, your resources.

OFFERTORY "A Quiet Reflection" by R. Kevin Boesiger

***DOXOLOGY** #563

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

MIDDLE HYMN "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #436

SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 pg. 509

2 Kings 4:1-7 pg. 274

SERMON "Helping the Hurting" David Lyons

***CLOSING HYMN** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" #579

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING** "God Be With You" #580

God be with you till we meet again
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

POSTLUDE "To God Be the Glory'" by Jason W. Krug

*** ALL WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS, OCTOBER 11, 2026

†Please let us know your joys and concerns, if you are live streaming go to the YouTube chat box and type in your prayer request and they will be announced in worship.

† If you are visiting the church, we have welcome sacks in the back of the sanctuary for you. Please leave your name and contact information on the table. We are so very happy you are here, welcome!

† **Please let the church office know if you have not been receiving emails or if you are and no longer wish to receive them.**

† The Office will be closed on Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

† LifeServe Blood center will be here Monday, from 1:00-6:00. Please note that LifeServe will be returning to the SouthPark Mall beginning November.

† Mayflower Circle will meet Thursday, October 15 at 1:00 in the Fireside Room. All women of the church are invited.

† Pastoral Care Committee members are Joe Conover, Barb Jacobson, Jennifer Loudermilk, and Jared Gerlock. Please see below for contact information.

† UDMO October donations: shampoo, bodywash, toothpaste.

Please ensure all doors to the church are locked, check the door behind you when exiting the church if it is not during office hours.

† Joys & Concerns: Shazzy Britz, Matt Bryant, Judy Hemphill, Bonnie Hoover, Becky Johnson, Denny Price, Bob Rose, Kella Klinker-Simonin, Louise Simpson, Gloria Tingle, Betty Weikum, Spencer Community.

† We pray for our military personnel: Evan Ball, Brandon Black, Mark Ivey, Nathan Jones, Kathryn Polking, Patrick Sullivan, and Daniel Wilkerson.

† We pray for our nursing home residents and those at home: John Abele, Bonnie Crosser, Larry Forbes, Fran Grover, Mary Lou Hoffman, Duaine & Sally Holck, Polly Nelson, Bob Rose, Dean Saunders, Janet Swanson, and Gloria Tingle.

Upcoming Events:

October 11	Adult Education 9:00
October 11	Kids Sunday School 9:30
October 11	Worship 10:30
October 11	Fellowship 11:30
October 11	CME 11:45
October 11	CMM 11:45
October 11	Narcotics Anonymous 7:00
October 12	Church Office Closed in observance of Columbus Day
October 12	LifeServe Blood Center 1:00—6:00
October 13	CMF 7:00
October 13	Narcotics Anonymous
October 14	Bell Choir 5:00
October 14	Choir 6:00
October 15	Mayflower Circle 1:00
October 15	Executive Meeting 7:00
October 16	Wedding Decorating
October 17	Wedding
October 18	Adult Education 9:00
October 18	Kids Sunday School 9:30
October 18	Worship 10:30
October 18	Narcotics Anonymous 7:00
October 20	CMCC 4:00
October 20	Narcotics Anonymous 7:00
October 21	Bell Choir 5:00
October 21	Choir 6:00
October 22	PEO Event in Fellowship Hall 4:00 – 7:00
October 25	Adult Education 9:00
October 25	Kids Sunday School 9:30
October 25	Worship 10:30
October 25	Narcotics Anonymous 7:00
October 26	LifeServe Blood Center 9:00-1:30
October 28	Bell Choir 5:00
October 28	Choir 6:00
October 31	Halloween

Adult Education Starts 9:00

Office closed Monday, October 12

Kids Sunday School PK-5th 9:30

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