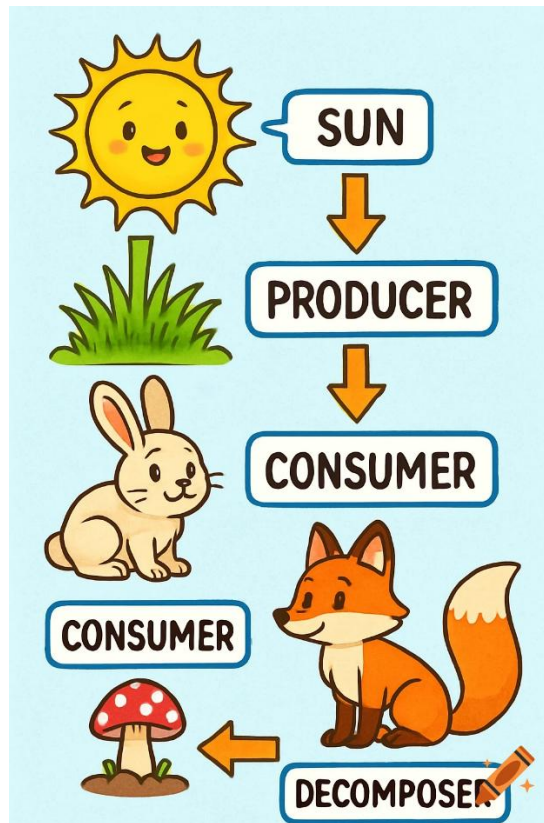


First Congregational Church

Gathered in 1723

An Open and Affirming & Creation Justice Congregation of the United Church of Christ



June 7th, 2026

Guest Speakers:

Kid's Zone

Kid's Zone Quote of the Day

“If we want children to flourish, to become truly empowered, let us allow them to love the earth before we ask them to save it.”

~ David Sobel

PRELUDE

The Solid Rock

W. Bradbury arr. L. Smith

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEACON'S GREETING Deb DelDotto & Drea DelDottoBordage

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PASTORAL GREETING

Rev. Holly MillerShank

CALL TO WORSHIP

Zelda Hudock

One: Loving God, you are the Creator of all things, the earth and everything in it.

Many: **Forgive us for the times we have neglected Your creation and remind us to care for the world with the love and respect it deserves.**

One: Living Christ, You walked among us and showed us the beauty of God's handiwork.

Many: **Help us to follow Your example in nurturing and protecting nature, bringing healing and renewal to our environment.**

One: Holy Spirit, Fill us with a deep reverence for the earth and all its inhabitants.

Many: **Inspire us to act as faithful stewards of Your creation, working tirelessly to sustain and restore the world we share. Amen.**

***HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth (Pilgrim #66)

KID'S ZONE SINGERS:

God Called it Good (see insert to sing along)

soloists: Beckett and Charlotte Goodwin, Corinna MillerShank and JJ Shepard

CALL TO CONFESSION

Felix Gregory

All that God has created is labeled "very good." Life in all its forms is complex and interrelated. Human life is precious and marvelously linked. Let us confess our neglect and irresponsibility in relation to creation and to one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Felix Gregory

The Bible teaches us that God wants us to seek wisdom, grow in understanding and continually learn throughout our lives. Although we have more tools than ever before, and information is literally at our fingertips, we resist. As children we complain about our homework. As adults we live as if there is nothing new to learn. The world needs help more than ever. God, remind us to thank the teachers in our lives, and help us to learn something new so we can create heaven on earth now!

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Rev. Holly MillerShank

CHOIR ANTHEM

Give Me a Song

H. Sorenson

SENIOR MOMENT

Rev. Holly MillerShank

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 12:7-10

Dylan DelDotto Bordage

MESSAGE

We are All Interconnected

Kid's Zone

***HYMN**

Come, Teach us, Spirit of our God (NCH #287 vs. 1-3)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING OF THE MEAL *At FCCSM we practice an open table, not matter who you are or where you are in your faith journey, you are welcome to share in the meal of bread and juice. Gluten Free options are found in the single serve sealed containers.*

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God, you brought forth all life in the world. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have forgiven us and empowered us to live with joy and abundance. We thank you for this sacred meal, through it; shape us, renew us, and send us out to fulfill your vision for the world. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF KID'S ZONE VOLUNTEERS

Ken Ward

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES (3rd Grade and Up)

April Mullins

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Elaine Shaw

COMMISSIONING OF HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Pastor Holly

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Karen

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who 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.

CALL TO (noisy) OFFERING:

Chayce Couture

There is Joy in learning. There is Joy in serving. There is Joy in giving. Let us joyfully make a great noise, for whether we are young or old, we have much to offer!

For today's offering the children will have noisy containers to collect coins, plates will be passed for offering envelopes or paper bills.

***DOXOLOGY**

Tune: Old 100th

We pray for those in every place; Every color, every race.

We pray for all to know your grace. We pray for those in every place.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Chayce Couture

Each of us should use whatever gifts we have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Loving God, grant us wisdom to align our resources according to your will. Amen.

***HYMN**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (NCH #403 vs. 1 & 4)

BENEDICTION

Chayce Couture

May you grow in wisdom like the trees, in kindness like the rivers, and in joy like the morning sun.

Go in peace, serve the Lord, Amen.

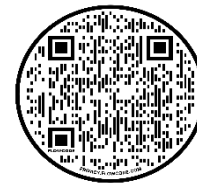
POSTLUDE

Alleluia

W. A. Mozart

The Senior Minister is Rev. Holly MillerShank
The Acting Associate Minister is Rev. Karen Dorshimer-Chaplin
The Director of Music is Curtis Smith
The Deacon is Deb DelDotto and Drea DelDottoBordage
The Reader is Dylan DelDottoBordage
Greeters are Corinna MillerShank and JJ Shepard
Altar flowers are provided by provided by Bill Davis in loving memory of Wendell T. and Elizabeth D. Davis and Annette B. Davis.

GIVE HERE:



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayers for Rosemary & George Horesta; the Holden family on the passing of Linda's husband, Stanley; Patrick Kenney; Bretton; Dan; the family of Fran Whitney; Cindy and Sarah; Jeanine; Michael; Bob Podolski; Wendy; Kierra; Jim; Mary; Sherry & Scotty Robertson; Susie and Brian Amos; Ruthie, sister-in-law of Dave & Sue; Aaron; Lt Ethan Connors and all military personnel deployed in the Middle East; Jimmy; Jay Scott; James Kelly; Bernice Forrister; Deb Wallace; Anne & Jonathan Phyfe; Jeanine's brother, Douglas Szlompek; Stanley; Sharon; David, brother-in-law of Kathleen & Dave Rocheleau; Roberta Jelinch's sister, Sandi.

-For those within our church family and all faith communities who are dealing with illness, caregiving, grief, mental health crisis, unemployment, hunger, and homelessness in their daily lives.

-Prayers for all those dealing with violence & loss in cities in the United States as well as those recovering from natural disasters throughout our country and the world.

-For the people of Ukraine, Haiti and the Middle East whose lives continue to be shattered by war, as well as the many landscapes that are currently embroiled in conflicts.

-The mission & works of the First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury.

-Blessings to government officials, first responders, health care workers, military personnel, and all who protect and care for us.



THIS WEEK AT FCC

Every day, 7am: AA, Cushing Hall
Every Wednesday, 5:30pm: ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics), Youth Room & 214
Every Sunday, 7pm: AA, Adkins Room
Every Thursday, 7PM OA (Overeaters Anonymous), Rm 214

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Sunday, 6/7:

9:30am: Worship & Sunday School, Sanctuary
11:00am: Theology on Tap Planning Session, Adkins
11:00am: Breakfast Bag Prep, Chapel
1:00pm: Zentangle for Adults, Adkins
5:30pm: MS Youth Group, Cushing Hall
7:00pm: HS Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, 6/8:

7:00pm: Music Committee, Adkins

Tuesday, 6/9:

8:00am: Guided Meditation, Parlor
12:00pm Lectionary @ Lunch, Adkins

Wednesday, 6/10:

11:30am: Can We Talk?, Marie Murphy's house
6:30pm: Shrewsbury Ringers, Sanctuary

Thursday, 6/11:

3-6pm: CSA Pick-up, FCC parking lot
7:15pm: Senior Choir, Choir Room

Sunday, 6/14: Pride Sunday

9:30am: Worship & Sunday School, Sanctuary
11:00am: Appetizer Sunday, Gifford Hall

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm

Our Mission:

First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury (FCCS) is a vibrant, inclusive and compassionate community of worship and mission. We want our faith to transcend the things that separate us, to be tangible to endure tests of life and time and to be environmentally responsible, protecting God's creation. Led by the Holy Spirit, we look to Jesus Christ to guide us toward companionship, justice, and the inspiration to serve God and our community.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

Recognition of our Kids Zone Volunteers

Ken Ward (Christian Ed. Chairperson)

Deb DelDotto (CE)

Kathy Holton (CE)

Kristin Kilgore (CE)

Laura Kenney

Chayce Couture

Miriam Griffith

Andrea Pereira

Felix Gregory

Jackie MacDonald

Recognition of our Youth Volunteers

Middle School Youth Group Volunteers

Jennifer Shaw

Deb DelDotto

Emily Allen

High School Youth Group Volunteers

Anne Gray

Kris Couture

Sue Gregory

Christine Evasius

Paul Mullins

Vicky Batchelder

Recognition of our Graduates

Claire, daughter of Karen and Dennis Troy, graduated from Shrewsbury High School. Claire will attend Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, where she plans to study biology and play volleyball.

Ava Puntillo, granddaughter of Sue and Dave Russell, graduated from Shrewsbury High School. She will be attending the Nursing program at Assumption University.

Tucker, son of Anne and Virgil Gray, graduated from Shrewsbury High School. Tucker will be attending Mount Wachusett Community College to pursue a Theatre Arts Degree.

Felix, son of Ian and Susan Gregory, graduated from Shrewsbury High School. Felix will be studying Marine Biology at the University of Rhode Island in the fall.

Sylvie, daughter of Valerie (Shaw) and Garrett Cullen (granddaughter of Elaine & niece of Jennifer), graduated Summa Cum Laude from Elon University with a BA in Cinema and Television Arts & Communication Design.

Gavin Cullen, son of Valerie (Shaw) and Garrett Cullen (granddaughter of Elaine & niece of Jennifer), graduated from Cary High School. Gavin plans to study Computer Engineering at Elon University in the fall.

Sophie Bergmann, daughter of Mary Ellen Lane and Andreas Bergmann, graduated from Southern Methodist University with a BA in Journalism and a minor in Graphic Design. Sophie will continue to take classes as she looks for work in communications, marketing, content creation, and public relations.

Meredith, daughter of Paul and Diane Sainsbury, graduated from Marist University with a BS in Business Administration, with a Finance concentration, and a minor in Accounting.

Matthew (aka Chewy), son of Christina Manos and Ross Clark, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BS in Communications and a Minor in Coaching from Averett University in Danville, VA.

Noelle Olivia Frongillo, daughter of Michael Frongillo and Mary Ann Pastuch, graduated from Brandeis University with degrees in Biology & Neuroscience and is currently working as a Medical Assistant at Boston Orthopaedic & Spine. She plans to attend PA school in the upcoming year or two.

Violet Corral, grandniece of Jeanine Vitale, has graduated from Darrow School in New Lebanon, NY. Violet will be attending the School of Environmental Science & Forestry at SUNY Syracuse in the fall.

GOD CALLED IT GOOD

By Carrie Yost

VERSE 1:

How was the sun,
placed at the right distance,
To share both its warmth and its light?
Growing seeds under ground, Meant food could be
found,
And earth would support human life.

CHORUS

So all together,
The day and the night, In great
orchestration, He created life,
All things work together, To do as they
should.
Is it any wonder?

... God Called it Good!

VERSE 2:

Each living thing,
Was carefully planned for,
The creatures on land and the sea. But on the sixth
day,
The greatest was made,
In His image both Adam and Eve!

CHORUS

So all together,
The day and the night, In great
orchestration, He created life,
All things work together, To do as they
should.
Is it any wonder?

... God Called it Good!

VERSE 3:

Sometimes we ask,
For signs God exists,
But if we look closer we'll see, The eye
seeing sights,
Like birds taking flight,
Are the MOST miraculous things!

CHORUS

So all together, The day and the night, In
great orchestration, He created life,
All things work together, To do as they
should.
Is it any wonder?

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