

First Congregational Church

Gathered in 1723

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



June 28th, 2026

**Rev. Karen Dorshimer-Chaplin
Acting Associate Minister**

Deacon's Quote of the Day

*“From all that dwells below the skies,
Let faith and hope with joy arise,
Let beauty, truth, and good be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.”*

*A Unitarian Prayer included in Earth Prayers, from Around the World
edited by E. Roberts and E. Amidon, 1991*

PRELUDE

Come Sunday
Jeanine Vitale, soprano

D. Ellington

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, DEACON'S GREETING

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

PASTORAL GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

Many: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

***HYMN**

Morning Has Broken (see insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confident that we are promised newness of life through repentance and forgiveness, let us turn to God and one another, confessing our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you have given us commandments to guide us in our living of these days. You have called us into a deeper relationship with you and yet the noise of the world around us distracts us. We become consumed by the demands of our daily lives and struggle to rest in your grace. Forgive us, O God, teach us to rest in stillness so that we may be renewed, replenished, and restored to newness of life. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One fact remains that does not change. God has loved you, loves you now, and will love you always. This is the good news that brings us new life.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:8-11 (excerpts)
Philippians 4:4-7

MESSAGE

Rest and Delight

Rev. Karen Dorshimer-Chaplin

***HYMN**

Take My Life and Let It Be (see insert)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 OFFERING

Having received new life through the generosity of God and the hope Christ brings; may we bring our offerings with glad and generous hearts.

OFFERTORY

Tell Me It's the Truth

Jeanine Vitale, soprano

D. Ellington

CREATION JUSTICE CHURCH OFFERING THOUGHT

Ocean Reflection

Whether you live in a land-locked state or right on the coast, everyone is connected to the ocean. Ecclesiastes 1:7 "All streams run to the sea."

*DOXOLOGY

Tune: Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore: One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, bless these gifts to bring bread to the hungry, a cup of water to the thirsty, comfort for the brokenhearted, and compassion for all people. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

This Is My Father's World (see insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Land of Rest

J. Purifoy

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.

Morning Has Broken

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Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.

Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com-plete - ness Where his feet pass.
Praise ev-ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

MORNING

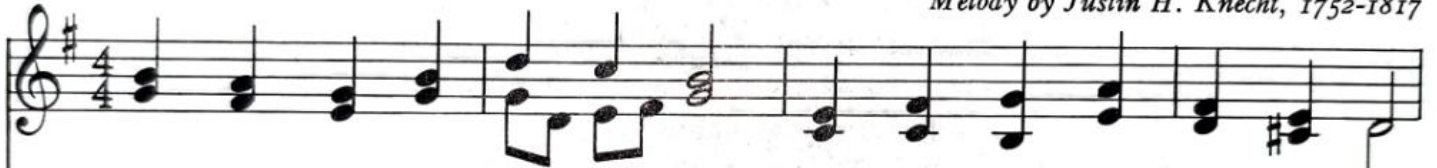
Take My Life and Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

VIENNA 7.7.7.7.

Melody by Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817



1 Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no long - er mine;
4 Take my love: my Lord I pour At thy feet its treas - ure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for thee. A - men.



This Is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901, alt.

TERRA BEATA S.M.D.

Traditional English Melody

Adapted by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930

In unison

1 This is my Fa-ther's world; And to my lis-tening ears, All
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise, The
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; Oh, let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; He shines in all that's fair; In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 Lord is king; let the heav - ens ring. God reigns; let the earth be glad.



Dollars & Sense is a monthly feature, generally the 3rd week of the month, where we share information about different aspects of our financial health as a congregation.

Pride 5K Fundraiser

The June Pride Run presented by FCC is a huge community event! The run is an outward expression of our vision and values as a congregation. It is also an important part of our fundraising efforts as a church.

Our goal is to have three community focused fundraisers per year (this is a goal to which we are still striving). We have a fundraiser revenue line as part of our annual budget. Additionally, we have committed to taking a 10% tithe raised through these specific fundraisers to go into our Y.E.S. (Your Evangelism Savings) Fund for future ministry opportunities.

The Pride Run generates income in two specific ways, runner/walker registrations and business/individual sponsorships. Net proceeds from this year's Pride Run are approximately \$27,000 which will be shared with our partners Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services for their work with the LGBTQ clients & families.

This year 427 runner registrations brought in \$11,863.31, slightly under last year's total from registrations. We increased our sponsorship support by 50% over last year- raising \$21,011.00!!!! The chart below shows the contribution levels and number of sponsors in each tier. You can find a listing of all our generous sponsors at www.ShrewsburyPride5k.org We encourage you to say **Thank You** for their support.

We need additional church members to help with business sponsorship solicitation next year, if interested please see Erin Canzano.

SPONSORS	2025	2026	Δ
Presenting \$1,500	1	1	0%
Gold \$1,000+	1	3	200%
Silver \$500, then \$600 - \$999	11	14	27%
Bronze \$250, then \$200 - \$599	12	19	58%
Family & Individual \$100	30	27	-10%
Sponsor donations in kind	3	4	33%
Returning business sponsors	-	22	n/a
New business sponsors	-	15	n/a

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FCC's MONTHLY SNAPSHOT

In MAY we had REVENUE of \$54,648.49* and EXPENSES of \$60,881.54** giving us a monthly net income (loss) of \$6,233.06

Year-to-date (January 1st thru MAY 31st 2026) we had REVENUE of \$333,976.73 and EXPENSES of \$307,908.90 which gives us a YTD net income (positive) of \$26,067.83

* Revenue in May included \$3,308.00 collected in general offering, i.e. plate contributions not connected to a pledge. This was the smallest monthly total of general offering so far in 2026.

** May expenses included quarterly outreach payments and organ tuning.

Give at

www.fccsm.org

Other community focused fundraisers from FCC have included the Giving Gala and the Church Fair. If you have ideas about potential fundraisers we could try please speak to Jay Salsgiver, Jean Feldkamp or Paul Sainsbury.

The Senior Minister is Rev. Holly MillerShank

The Acting Associate Minister is Rev. Karen Dorshimer-Chaplin

The Director of Music is Curtis Smith

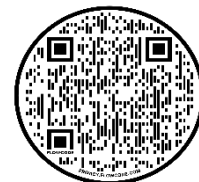
The Deacon is Mary Innis

The Reader is Craig Phyfe

Greeters are Elaine Shaw and Nancy Colby

Altar flowers are provided by Rev. Karen Dorshimer Chaplin and donated to the Glory of God in celebration of summer days.

GIVE HERE:



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayers for the Snowden family on the passing of Becca's father; Rosemary Horesta on the passing of her husband, George; Linda Holden & family; Patrick Kenney; Bretton; Dan; Cindy and Sarah; 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 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, 6/28:

9:30am: Outdoor Worship on the Common

2:00pm: Zentangle for Kids, Adkins

Monday, 6/29:

7:15pm: Stewardship Committee, 214

Tuesday, 6/30:

8:00am: Guided Meditation, Parlor

Thursday, 7/2:

10:00am: SNEUCC, Adkins

3-6pm: CSA Pick-up, FCC parking lot

Sunday, 7/5:

9:30am: Outdoor Worship on the Common

****Pastor Holly vacation June 22- July 5****

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm