

**First Presbyterian Church of Springfield**  
**Order of Worship for the Third Sunday After Epiphany**

**January 24, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.**

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Howard Bradley

Moment with Young Disciples: Ross Thomas

**Welcome**

We Approach God

**Call to Worship**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

From our daily labors, the Lord summons us. Freed from fear, we are bold to follow.

**“Come! I will make you fishers of people.” We respond with grateful praise!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

*Glory to God 234*

Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness, loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters; led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

’Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison, and from three days’ sleep in death as a sun has risen. All the winter of our sin, long and dark, is flying from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb’s dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal: but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.

**Call to Confession**

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

**Prayer of Confession**



Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

### **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, as we forgive our debtors; 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 the Offering**

There is only one God, from whom all things come and for whom we live. In gratitude and faith, let us offer our lives and gifts to the Lord.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Gracious God, when our hope falters, you lift us up to new heights by your Spirit. Help us to set our hearts on you, and to trust in you, no matter what our circumstances. May these tithes and offerings bring your uplifting hope to people both near and far. We ask this through Christ our Lord—our great giver of hope. Amen.**

### God Sends Us into the World

#### **Hymn of Dedication**

“The Church's One Foundation”

*Glory to God* 321

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: “How long?” And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

#### **Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction**

Dr. Anderson