

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

February 7, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Mary Jessica Woodrum

Moment with Young Disciples: Ross Thomas

Welcome

We Approach God

Call to Worship

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness. but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

We are called to walk in the way of righteousness, for we are children of God.

We are called to serve in the world with one another, for we are the salt of the earth.

We are called to shine as beacons of hope and witnesses to truth.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and in your presence angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision, that we may recognize your power at work in your Son and join the apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word. We ask this through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise "All Beautiful the March of Days" *Presbyterian Hymnal 292*

All beautiful the march of days, as seasons come and go; the hand that shaped the rose hath wrought the crystal of the snow; hath sent the hoary frost of heaven, the flowing waters sealed, and laid a silent loveliness on hill and wood and field.

O'er white expanses sparkling pure the radiant morns unfold; the solemn splendors of the night burn brighter through the cold; life mounts in every throbbing vein, love deepens round the hearth, and clearer sounds the angel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."

O Thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows, Thy gift the vision passing by in crystal and in rose, day unto today doth other speech, and night to night proclaim, in ever-changing words of light, the wonder of Thy name.

Call to Confession

"The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). In faith, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you call us to share our bread with the hungry, to care for the poor, and to satisfy the needs of those who suffer. Some of your commandments are easy to follow, and others require so much of us. How can we break the chains of injustice and untie the cords of oppression? When we consider the brokenness of our world, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. Forgive us when we use our sense of helplessness as an excuse. Remind us that your Spirit is at work in and through us to bring about your kingdom. Free us from fear and stir our hearts toward a greater generosity, that we might be the salt and light you have called us to be. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

“God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our sins, has made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved” (Ephesians 2:4–5). In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Send your Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear your Word and live as covenant people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Isaiah 40:21 – 31 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Moment with Young Disciples

New Testament Mark 1:29 – 39 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Galilee to Galifry” The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

Hymn “The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want” *Presbyterian Hymnal* 170

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie in pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet well I fear none ill; for Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

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, let us offer our lives and gifts to the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Everlasting God, you are kind and trustworthy. Every day you graciously provide what we need from your abundance. We are grateful that you bring healing and hope for our life as individuals and as a faith community. Accept these monetary gifts and offerings to strengthen our church's outreach to our neighbors. May more people come to know you and your love through our ministries. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

God Sends Us into the World

Hymn of Dedication "Now Thank We All Our God" *Presbyterian Hymnal 555*

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction

Dr. Anderson