

**First Presbyterian Church of Springfield**  
**Order of Worship for the Second Sunday in Lent**

**February 28, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.**

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Ross Thomas

**Welcome**

We Approach God

**Call to Worship**

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God.

**The Lord invites us to feast on his word and be nurtured in his Supper.**

The risen Christ is present with us by his Spirit, giving us strength for our journey of faith.

**Let us worship the living God!**

**Prayer of the Day**

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**                      “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”                      *Glory to God* 385

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; we are his folk; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

**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**

**God of steadfast love, how often do we utter careless words that harm? How often do we lash out in anger, when we could reach out with kindness? How often do we hurt those we love and tear away at relationships that give life? Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy, give us the grace to confess our faults, to seek forgiveness, and to work for reconciliation in our home and our community. By your Spirit, turn our hearts back to you and teach us the ways**

**of peace, so that we might live in ways that are pleasing to you. We pray in Jesus's 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**

Saving God, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your message to us today and live as your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Old Testament**      Genesis 12:1 – 9      The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Moment with Young Disciples**

**New Testament**      Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16      The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      “Strangers in a Strange Land”      The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

### We Respond to God's Word

### **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**

**Almighty God, we rejoice in your constant faithfulness! You established your eternal covenant with your people Israel. Through the ministry of your Son Jesus, you welcomed all who trust you into your extended family. As with Abraham and Sarah, you give us a new name in baptism: a beloved child of God. Empower us by your Spirit to live as generous people. May we tell younger generations of your goodness and serve your purposes in the world. We dedicate our tithes and offerings through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn**      “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”      *Glory to God* 500

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood, that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

### **Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks ... [the prayer continues].

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty ... [the prayer continues].

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ... [the prayer continues].

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

### **Communion of the People and Prayer After Communion**

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament ... [the prayer continues].

#### God Sends Us into the World

### **Hymn of Dedication**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

*Glory to God 462*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know ‘tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; ‘tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God’s own holy Word.

I love to tell the, story for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, ‘twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

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

Dr. Anderson