

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

**March 14, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.**

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Lena Jane Jones

**Welcome**

We Approach God

**Call to Worship**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes **to see clearly the light of the world.**

Holy Spirit, illumine our minds **to perceive God's glory shining among us.**

Almighty God, prepare our hearts **to see, to trust, and to worship you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you gave the incomparable gift of your law. As your Son, the light of the world, shines upon us may we learn what pleases you and live in all truth and goodness. We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise**

"We Praise You, O God"

*Glory to God 612*

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring. We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been. When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

**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**

**Wonder-working God, forgive us when preconceived notions cloud our vision and blind us to your activity in our lives. We watch for signs of your glory in the successful and strong, in pious acts and answered prayers, in favorable outcomes and dreams fulfilled. But you also make yourself known in unexpected ways: in a shepherd lifted to the throne of Israel, in outcasts returned to community, in dark valleys transformed by your presence, and ordinary pools made extraordinary by your healing power. Open our eyes, illumine our minds by your Spirit, and prepare our hearts to receive your amazing grace through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

### God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe! You have taught us to read your Word. By your Spirit, open our ears and hearts to receive your message to us today. **Amen.**

**Old Testament**      Psalm 84:1 – 12      The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Moment with Young Disciples**

**New Testament**      Matthew 6:16 – 34      The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      “Gratitude Is a Great Attitude!”      The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

### We Respond to God's Word

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn**      “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”      *Glory to God* 817

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

## **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**

The Lord our God graciously provides for our needs. With gratitude, let us present his tithes and our offerings.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**Generous God, you beautifully show mercy to us, from the beginning of our life to the end, even to eternal life. Give us hope in your power to heal and renew us, individually and as a church. Encouraged by your Spirit, may we respond to your love with generosity. Receive these tithes and offerings for the renewal of our congregation and wider community in Jesus' name. Amen.**

God Sends Us into the World

**Hymn of Dedication**

“Blessed Assurance”

*Glory to God 839*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

**Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction**

Dr. Anderson