

First Presbyterian Church of Springfield
Order of Worship for the Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Howard Bradley

Moment with Young Disciples: Linda Thomas

Organist: Mike Belote

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Call to Worship

God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light that shines on our path.

God brings good news of great joy to searching hearts.

The Lord's teachings are our heritage, so that we may be nurtured in faith.

We worship in God's presence and offer our thanks and praise!

Prayer of the Day Eternal God, we thank you for planting in our hearts the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith, hope, and love. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Almighty God, your word is cast like seed into the ground; now let the dew of heav'n descend and righteous fruits abound.

Let not the sly satanic foe this holy seed remove, but give it root in ev'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy, but let it yield a hundredfold the fruits of peace and joy.

So when the precious seed is sown, your quick'ning grace bestow that all whose souls the truth receive its saving pow'r may know.

Call to Confession God has shown his amazing love in this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us join in our unison prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession God the Sower, we confess that we do not always live as people who obey your law. Sometimes, we are like rocky ground. We welcome your word when life is simple, but when we face a challenge, we forget your teachings and our faith withers. Sometimes we are like a thicket of thorns. We clamor for more and ignore those in need, and your word is choked out of our hearts. Forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit to work within us and among us; make us good soil. Weed out our resistance and water us with your grace, so

that we will bear fruit for the sake of your kingdom. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Hear the good news: the Lord does not treat us as our sins deserve. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who revere him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. **Thanks be to God.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Illumination God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us your Spirit of wisdom and understanding so that our hearts and minds may be opened to hear what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Old Testament Passage Isaiah 55:10 – 13

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Moment with Young Disciples

Musical Interlude "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" *Glory to God* #291

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing,
'Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.'*

*You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand; and you goaded your people
with a law and a land. When they were confounded with idols and lies, then
you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.*

*You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world
was still. And down in the city, you called once again when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.*

New Testament Passage Matthew 13:1 – 9, 18 – 23

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Sermon "On Agriculture and Ansel Adams" The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Affirmation of Faith Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.32-33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised return of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the

risen Christ and the hope of his return, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

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.

Call to Offering In gratitude to God for all that he has provided for us, let us present our gifts and offerings.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication Generous God, you are the source of abundant life. May our gifts and offerings bring vitality to the healing ministries of this church, so that people in our wider community will be blessed. We pray in the name of our risen Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

Hymn of Dedication "You Shall Go Out with Joy" *Glory to God #80*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; [*clap hands*] the trees of the field will clap their hands; [*clap hands*] the trees of the field will clap their hands [*clap hands*] while you go out with joy.

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction

Announcements

Sunday, July 12, 2020

Midweek Bible Study "A Song of Thanksgiving" is the theme of Chapter 2 of Jonah in our study which meets at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, via Zoom. This is the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85426343714> . Email Pastor Rosanna rosanna@pastorrosanna.net for the password.

Adult Sunday School "Gathered in the Spirit: Our Common Worship" is the theme of Chapter 4 in *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* by Marjorie J. Thompson. Pastor Rosanna will lead the class on July 12 at 9:45 a.m. via Zoom at this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86415059778> . Pastor Rosanna has the password.

Coming Soon: Project JOY! School supplies, but no clothing, are needed this year for our contribution to the Appalachian Ministry to the children of Harlan, Kentucky.

Mission Opportunities Please contact Ross or Linda Thomas for drop off information.

Loose Change for The Master's Table

Plastic Bags for Meals on Wheels

United Ministries Food Item for July and August: Powdered Milk

Prayer List Look over our list and if you know of someone who needs to be added, notify the church office at 1stprez@bellsouth.net. Please provide the address for those who are not members of the church so that we may send them a prayer card.

May we keep in our prayers all the individuals and families affected by Covid-19.

“God will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”
(Revelation 21:3b-4)

Linda Alldredge Alison Barnwell Dale Boyter Ethelene Burnett Louis Burnett
Kyle Craighead Rush Limbaugh Betty Murphey Jerry Stuard
Family of Mike Frost Family of Mickey Hyde

Worship Services Online We will celebrate Sunday worship services online until further notice. Guidance from our PC(USA) denominational offices and state government officials urges the suspension of all congregational and public gatherings in our church facilities to help stop the spread of Covid-19. Join us for the worship video premiere on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GCqiHtl7JXZln1_fzePSg at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. A link to worship is posted on the church's Facebook page and on our website <https://www.springfieldpres.org/> .