

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

**August 2, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

Worship Leader: Don Park

Moment with Young Disciples: Linda Thomas

Organist: Mike Belote

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Call to Worship**

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**God is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all look to you, O God, and you give them their food in due season.**

**Prayer of the Day Dear God, giver of life and health, your Son Jesus has called us to hunger for justice and thirst for right to prevail. Refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing, for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" *Glory to God* #620**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress; praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his arms he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise with us the God of grace.

**Call to Confession The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, praying for us with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.**

**Prayer of Confession God of abundance, in your hands meager offerings become bread to feed a multitude. Your mercy overflows to fill deserted landscapes with hope and life. In you there is always more than enough. But sometimes we see only scarcity: too few resources to share with our neighbors, too little energy to respond to those in need. We turn from those who suffer rather than offering the compassion we find in Christ. Transform**

**our hearts by your Spirit. Open our hands to share generously and expand our hearts to express your great love. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** Hear the good news of God's promise: "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer for Illumination** Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Son. Open our hearts by your Spirit so that we may hear your good news of new and eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament Passage** Genesis 32:22 – 31

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

### **Moment with Young Disciples**

**Musical Interlude** "Amazing Grace"

**New Testament Passage** Matthew 14:13 – 21

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

Sermon "Divine Mathematics" 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 wellbeing. 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** I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord as we give our gifts in support of the mission and ministry of this church.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication** O Lord, you are the source of all goodness. Thank you for patiently calling us to trust you with our whole heart. Refresh us by your Spirit so that we may lead others to you. We give these offerings in the name of Jesus Christ, who multiplied the loaves and fish so that everyone had more than their fill. **Amen.**

**Hymn of Dedication** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” *Glory to God #526*

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: leaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone; teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: leaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Emanuel) everywhere! Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: leaves abound!

**Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction**

## **Announcements**

Sunday, August 2, 2020

**The Stated Session Meeting** for August will take place on August 3 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to conduct the church’s regular monthly business.

**Adult Sunday School** “Of Conscience and Consciousness: Self-Examination, Confession, and Awareness” is the theme of chapter 7 in *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life* by Marjorie Thompson. Pastor Rosanna will lead the class on August 2 at 9:45 a.m. via Zoom at this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86415059778> . Email Pastor Rosanna [rosanna@pastorrosanna.net](mailto:rosanna@pastorrosanna.net) for 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. We hope to continue our tradition of gathering 100 learning bags for students this year.

**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

Food Item for United Ministries in August: Powdered Milk

**Prayer List** Look over our list and if you know of someone who needs to be added, notify Administrative Assistant Megan Lowe at the church office at [1stprez@bellsouth.net](mailto:1stprez@bellsouth.net). Please provide the address for those who are not church members 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 Rhonda Baldwin Alison Barnwell Dale Boyter Ethelene Burnett  
Louis Burnett Kyle Craighead Rush Limbaugh Betty Murphy Jerry Stuard  
Family of Mike Frost Family of Mickey Hyde Family of Dr. William Lewis

**Worship Services Online** We will continue to celebrate Sunday worship services online until further notice. We have suspended all congregational and public gatherings in our church facilities during the coronavirus outbreak. Join us for worship on YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GCqiHtl7JXZln1\\_fzePSg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GCqiHtl7JXZln1_fzePSg) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. More information is posted on the church’s Facebook page and our church website <https://www.springfieldpres.org/>.