

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

**August 9, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

Worship Leader: Larry Dean

Moment with Young Disciples: Ross Thomas

Organist: Mike Belote

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Welcome and Announcements**

We Approach God

**Call to Worship**

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

**Remember the wonderful works God has done, his miracles and judgments.**

Praise the LORD!

**Prayer of the Day      Gracious God, we worship you, for you are the living God. You brought this world into being and sustain it every day. You put each star into space, and you tell us, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you." You fill the ocean depths and cause mountains to be raised up. You reassure us, saying, "I have called you by name, you are mine." You make the earth provide fruit and vegetables. You created butterflies and all creatures. Thank you for telling each of your children, "You are precious in my sight." Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise      "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"      *Glory to God #8***

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos dark and rude, and bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace: O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go; thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

**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**    **Dear Lord, we want to draw closer to you, but we are afraid, for we do not know what awaits us when we step out in faith. We are wary of taking risks for your sake because the forces of chaos seem stronger than your assurances to us. We worry that we will not have enough faith in you or in the gifts you've given us to do what you ask. Forgive us, Lord, and save us. Reach out your hand and lift us from our fear, so that we might follow you faithfully. 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.**

**Musical Interlude**                      "I Love to Tell the Story"                      Mike Belote

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; '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.

God Speaks Through God's Word

**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 37:1 – 4, 12 – 28

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

**Moment with Young Disciples**

**New Testament Passage**                      Matthew 14:22 – 33

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

**Sermon**                      "Taking the Plunge"                      The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God's Word

**Affirmation of Faith**    *A Brief Statement of Faith 10.1, 10.5, 10.6*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. ...**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Duet** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Cathy Dallman and Wanda Boley

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near; when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

### **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** God of peace, you are kind and generous to all who seek you. You are the Good Shepherd of a vast flock. But we can be like stubborn sheep, showing favoritism like Jacob or struggling with jealousy like Joseph’s brothers. Help us to turn away from the competition for more. Incline our hearts to compassion for our neighbors so that we will give freely from what we have received. We pray this through Christ our Lord, who loves each sheep and seeks each one that is lost. Amen.

### **Hymn of Dedication**

“Jesus Calls Us”

*Glory to God #720*

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, “Christian, follow me.”

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store, from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toils and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

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

## Announcements

Sunday, August 9, 2020

**Zoom Coffee Hour** Join us on Sunday right after worship for our first Zoom Coffee Hour, a time for virtual fellowship in the comfort of home. This is the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82595025795>. The password is in the congregational email.

**Save the Date** for the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee's **Service of Installation of The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson as Pastor.** Please participate at home in the Zoom meeting by answering the Constitutional Questions to the Congregation on Thursday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom at this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84340386683> . The passcode is in the congregational email.

**“Faith & Wisdom in James”** Join us for a Bible study via Zoom on the Epistle of James on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. We are using *The Present Word Summer 2020: Many Faces of Wisdom* curriculum. Copies of the book are available in the church office. This is the Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83904690529>. The password is in the email.

**Adult Sunday School** “Of Conscience and Consciousness: Self-Examination, Confession, and Awareness” is today’s theme in *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson. Class meets at 9:45 a.m. via this new Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88038730345> .

**Project JOY!** School supplies, but no clothing, are needed this year for our contribution to the Appalachian Ministry to the children of Harlan, Kentucky. Thank you very much for your continuing support of this important mission.

**Mission Opportunities** Please contact Ross or Linda Thomas for drop off information at 615-772-4870.

Loose Change for The Master’s Table

Plastic Bags for Meals on Wheels

Food Item for United Ministries: Powdered Milk

**Prayer List** If you know of someone who needs to be added to our list, please notify Administrative Assistant Megan Lowe at the church office at [1stprez@bellsouth.net](mailto:1stprez@bellsouth.net). Provide the address for those who are not church members so we may send them a prayer card.

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

Linda Alldredge Rhonda Baldwin Alison Barnwell Dale Boyter Ethelene Burnett  
Louis Burnett Kyle Craighead Rush Limbaugh Amanda Martelli Betty Murphy  
Jerry Stuard Family of Mike Frost Family of Mickey Hyde Family of Benjamin 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 website <https://www.springfieldpres.org/> .