**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**May 5, 2024 - 10:30 am**

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We're glad you are here! Cards at the ends of each pew are for you to fill out and drop in the Offering Plate. Please let us know you are visiting and join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service. The Sanctuary has an induction loop system to assist the hearing impaired. The system will also work on the telephone setting of hearing aids.

Springfield Presbyterian Church is rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, and called to loving relationships through vibrant worship and service. Valuing all people, we are committed to developing disciples and fostering stewardship.

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

(**\*** those who are able are invited to stand)

**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** (Greetings and Announcements)

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Leader: Whenever we light this candle we proclaim:

**People: Christ is the Light of the world and the center of our lives.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Like the waters of a rushing stream,

**People: God’s rivers of mercy run deep.**

Leader: And by that grace, we find ourselves here,

**People: As people compelled by love,**

Leader: As people convicted by the need for equality across the world,

**People: As people longing to praise the One who guides us and encourages us.**

Leader: We find ourselves here,

**People: With all our faith and doubt, with our love and striving for compassion, let us come before our faithful God.**

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN***Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* GTG #486

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign,

With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love’s expression, love’s creation, loved indeed!

Fresh from God, refresh our spirits; into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God’s you are, from God you came.

Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ’s name.

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God’s call.

Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: For centuries, we have been playing the game of who is “in” and who is “out,” who is righteous and who is not, as if we had any judgment that we should dole out. In this competitive and overachieving society, we’ve all been remiss in seeking the beauty in one another. So, let us pause and take a moment to name the ways in which we can do better and let God lead us to better days. Let us pray together:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous God, with people vying for their voice to be heard rather than lifting one another up, we have the tendency to pride ourselves on our position. Yet, God, we’ve read Your Word, we know the reality – that we are all called your beloved from the beginning of time. We ask for your forgiveness in the ways we have been complicit in not seeking equality and ask that you restore us in radical ways to be justice-seeking people in this community and beyond. We ask for reminders of baptism, of being washed again and again in the waters that restore us. We ask that you help us to wear our heart on our sleeve and stand alongside one another in love. Renew us, restore us, revive us, O God, this we earnestly pray. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE***Restore in Us, O God* GTG #434 (v.3)

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;

Baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Let us name the truth together:

**People: God calls us all beloved, longs for each of us to be restored, and has sent God’s Spirit to be among us. We are not alone, we are forgiven, we are redeemed. Alleluia and amen!**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *We Are Forgiven* GTG #447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

**\* THE PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

(You may greet those around you.)

**\* RESPONSE** *Here I Am, Lord*

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Generous and Loving God, by the power of your Great Spirit, bestowed upon us all, empower us and lead us to Your Word that nourishes the soul. May the distractions of this life pass from our minds, for even just this moment, so that we may hear the Word anew. Let it wash over us, like the waters of baptism, and revive us once again. Alleluia and amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Psalm 98* OT page 521

1 O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory. 2 The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. 3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. 4 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. 5 Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. 6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord. 7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. 8 Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy 9 at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Acts 10:44-48* NT page 122

44While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. 45The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, 46for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the

Holy Spirit just as we have?’ 48So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *A Baptism for All* Guest Speaker

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* GTG #488

I was there to hear your borning cry; I’ll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

**\*** SONG OF THANKS  *Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness*Tune #657

Sing to God, with joy and gladness, hymns and psalms of gratitude;

With the voice of praise discover that to worship God is good.

God unites the scattered people, gathers those who wandered far,

Heals the hurt and broken spirits, tending every wound and scar.

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed* GTG #489

Wonder of wonders, here revealed: God’s covenant with us is sealed,

And long before we know or pray, God’s love enfolds us every day.

Here in this sacrament we see God’s grace unbound, for all, for me!

May we respond with joyful praise in loving service all our days.

This child of God, though young or old, we welcome now into Christ’s fold,

To know with us God’s loving care, and all our joys and sorrows share.

Now we our vow of faith renew, stretch wide our sights to global view,

And claim with Christians far and near a larger family held dear.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: We go from this place, strengthened by the Word,

**People: As we seek the Spirit among us.**

Leader: We go from this place, empowered by the waters,

**People: Knowing that we will be washed again and again.**

Leader: We go from this place, as changed people,

**People: Seeking to live as people of justice, equality, compassion, and love.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**Sunday May 12, 2024 Lectionary**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

**Assisting in Worship: We appreciate those who serve:**

Today 5/5 Next Week 5/12

Sunday Opener: Beth Oates Bob Rogers

Ushers/Greeters: Don Vasbinder Steve & Donna Mazer

Bob Rogers

Lay Leader: Linda Black Bob Steppling

Fellowship Host:

**Happy Birthday!** May 10 – Kathy Russ

**Announcements**

**Pentecost Offering:** A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people. It also addresses the needs of at-risk children. We will again send the 40% retained by local congregations to Mission of Mercy to support the physical well-being of these children. You cannot learn if you have a toothache, fever, or need glasses. The offering will be received **May 12 & 19**.  If you would like to add an additional portion for Mission of Mercy, please make that note on the memo line of your check.

**Just a Note:** Pastor Becca will be out of the office for continuing education from May 3-12 and out of town from May 12-15.

**It’s Springtime!** Our annual Plant Sale runs from 5/1 to 5/27. Save some of your spring flower purchases to buy at Buppert's. When you purchase with their flier, Buppert's will donate a percentage for our local missions. Fliers are available in the Narthex.

***Today:***

**Sunday May 5**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

***This Week:***

**Tuesday May 7**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

***Next Week:***

**Sunday May 12 – Happy Mother’s Day!**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

**Tuesday May 14**

7:00 pm CoCaMO Meeting (Manse)

**Wednesday May 15**

6:15 – 7:15 pm Bell Choir Practice

7:30 – 8:45 pm Adult Choir Practice

**Thursday May 16**

7:00 pm Session Meeting (Manse)

**Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 am – 3 pm**

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11:30 am Fellowship

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