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**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**July 31, 2022 - 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!** (Greeting)

**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: We live in a world with an abundance of things,

**People: From our big box shops to our department stores, nothing is out of reach.**

Leader: We live in a world where clicking the shopping cart button online is a quick endorphin release.

**People: We can get what we want in mere moments to a few days.**

Leader: We thank God for this abundance and this innovation, but we also know it is problematic.

**People: We find ourselves wanting more, even when we are healthy and well with what we have.**

Leader: Yet as people who look at the Kingdom to come, we know that we cannot take these things with us.

**People: So, with God’s loving discernment, let us come to worship as we seek to align ourselves with God’s Word.**

**ALL: Let us praise and worship the God who will lead us forward. Amen.**

**\* HYMN** *We Praise You, O God* GTG #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.

With voices united our praises we offer   
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.   
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.   
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Our nation has over 50,000 storage units, speaking to a culture that consumes more. Sometimes we fill our lives with things because of fear, desire, or sentimentality. This is not inherently bad, but we know that at the end of our days, we cannot take these things with us. So let us come to our God of mercy and seek discernment to learn how to prioritize as we confess our sin and seek greater understanding.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous God, it is tempting to store our pantries with excess food that will eventually go in the trash or fill our rooms with things we think we need. Some of this is wisdom, especially when a storm comes, but we know that we go overboard. We know we have stored up too much and in seeking a just and equitable world we know we have sinned in our hoarding. Help us to reprioritize, to look at our things with your eyes, and take away our fear of not having enough. Forgive us, O God, in your loving mercy. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *The Woman Hiding in the Crowd*  Tune #178

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**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: When we come before God, authentically confessing our sin, our Savior hears us and lets us begin afresh.

**People: Thanks be to our loving God and let us live as changed people because we are forgiven. Amen.**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*

Bless your Maker, all you creatures, ever under God’s control,

All throughout God’s vast dominion; bless the Lord of all, my soul!

**\* 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 God, as we read and hear your Scripture, take away the distractions that keep us from fully embracing the Word. Let our eyes rest on imagery and let our ears hear clearly as we seek to understand and discern these words for us today. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Psalm 107:1-9, 43*

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever. 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble 3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. 4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;   
5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. 6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;   
7 he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.   
8 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. 9 For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things. 43 Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Luke 12:13-21*

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ 14But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ 15And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ 16Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” 18Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” 20But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**  *Treasuring Priorities* Rev. Becca Crate-Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* GTG #716

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store,   
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

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

**OFFERTORY**

SONG OF THANKS *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* #712

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way. O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Take My Life* GTG #697

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,  
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: As we go from this place,

**People: We shall live as a free people.**

Leader: Free to discern what holds true value to us and to God.

**People: In doing so, may we build a more equitable world.**

Leader: So that all may know the true abundance God offers,

**People: As we seek to live in harmony together.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**Sunday, August 7, 2022 Lectionary**

Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

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

Today 7/31 Next Week 8/7

Sunday Opener Barbara Cornell Beth Oates

Ushers/Greeters Kathy Russ Leah & Henry

Halvorson

Lay Leader Max Carroll Mark Kearney

**Happy Anniversary!** August 6 – Bob & Diana Steppling

**Announcements**

**Mask Update:** Due to the uptick in COVID-19 cases, the Session has decided to **strongly encourage** masking and social distancing. Though it is not a mandate, we seek to love one another by keeping each other as safe as possible. Thank you for your help in this endeavor.

**Sunday School is back!** On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, we will be offering Sunday School! See Pastor Becca for details…

**Summer Mission Project:** It won’t be long before school starts again. Preparing for a new school year includes buying items on the STUDENT SUPPLY LIST. For some children and their families, this can be a challenge and in some instances buying needed supplies just isn’t possible. For that reason, during July and August, we will be collecting school supplies to help these children. The GIVING TREE is in the Narthex. If you would like to help with this project, you can take a tag from the tree and buy the item written on it or simply choose from the below items (taken from Sykesville Middle School **STUDENT SUPPLY LIST)**. Please place your donated items in the designated basket in the Narthex. Thank you! ~ CoCaMO Committee

3-ring binders-1, 1 ½ or 2” Pencil pouch Glue sticks

Loose-leaf paper Pack of #2 pencils Pair of Ear Buds

Pack of 5-tab binder dividers Pocket folders Scissors

Blue, black or red pens Block or cap erasers Sticky notes

3X5 ruled index cards Dry erase markers Crayons

Folders with brads 10-pack colored pencils

Spiral notebook-200 pgs. Pencil sharpener

Multi-colored highlighters Composition book

**Pastor-Parish Committee:** The Pastor-Parish Committee invites you to share your concerns, suggestions, and gratitude. We have a form in the Narthex and a lock-box that we will open weekly and we ask that you share your name and be specific. We look forward to reading your comments so that we can continue to grow into the body of Christ.

**Springfield Membership:** Are you interested in finding out more about our faith community and becoming a member? We would love to answer any questions you have. Please contact Pastor Becca at [springfieldpastor@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldpastor@gmail.com) for more information.

**Congregational Care / Mission & Outreach:** Do you know of a member or friend of our church family who is ill, needs prayers, would like call, a visit or a card, or might benefit from meal train? If so, please contact the Church Office (410-795-6152), Cathy Marsh (410-549-6916) or Diana Steppling (862-266-2242).

**Fellowship Help Needed:** If you are interested in helping with Fellowship, please contact Barbara Cornell (240-308-0035). A sign-up sheet will also be available.

***Today:***

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10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

***Looking Ahead:***

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Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

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