**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**June 16, 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: This morning, we remember and give thanksgiving for the fathers in our lives.

**People: From our biological fathers, to those whose mentorship has made a mark on our lives, we celebrate them.**

Leader: We remember the one who we call God, the Father and Mother of us all.

**People: The Father who welcomes the prodigal home,**

Leader: The God whose faithfulness sustains, and covenant is never broken.

**People: Jesus called his father Abba, and Moses called the Holy One the Great I Am.**

Leader: Remembering our fathers of every time and place, and God, the loving parent of us all,

**People: We come to worship, we come to give thanks and praise, and we come to delight and celebrate.**

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN** *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)* GTG #401

Here in the place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light in the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion live that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: We call God the Father and Mother of us and a loving parent. Yet, there have been times we have disobeyed our parent’s call on our lives and have chosen to ignore the Holy call that lies upon each of our hearts. Let us come before our parent and ask for God to welcome us home in forgiveness once again. Let us pray:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous and Loving God, with the eyes of a parent, you have kept steady watch over us. As we have gone off-course, like the guiding of the shepherd, you have called us once again to your side. Yet, there are times we have been rebellious. When asked to do your will, we sometimes choose defiance. When you lead us into ways of health and wellness, sometimes we choose our own way that leads us to paths that break us down. So, we put our pride down and we look upon the entryway of your abode, just like the prodigal son did and we ask that you welcome us home. Forgive us,**

**renew us, and restore us to the beloved children you have called us to be as we await a hopeful response. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**RESPONSE** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* GTG #438(v. 2)

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands.

Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,

All for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: Hear the good news and the truth of our lives – God’s loving embrace welcomes us home, the feast is prepared, as we celebrate being in full relationship with God once again!

**People: Thanks be to the God whose welcome never ends! For God’s forgiveness, mercy, and abundant love, we give our thanks and praise. Alleluia and Amen!**

**\* MUSICAL RESPONSE OF PRAISE** *There’s a Wideness* *in God’s Mercy*

GTG #435 (v. 2)

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God’s Word,

And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

**\* 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**

Loving God and Living Word, as we hear your scripture today, let us hear it with ears that are keen to hear something new. Illuminate those places in which we

need better understanding, grant us ears keen to hear and hearts ready to learn. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**  *Psalm 68:4-6, 32-35* OT page 501

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds—his name is the Lord—be exultant before him. 5 Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. 6 God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land. 32 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, 33 O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. 34 Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies. 35 Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Luke 15:11-32* NT page 73

11Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. 12The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. 13A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. 14When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. 16He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! 18I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” 20So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. 21Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” 22But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23And get the

fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

25‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” 28Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. 30But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” 31Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

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

 **All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Our Ancestorial Fathers*Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *When Jesus Called You “Father”*

(to the tune of GTG #321,"The Church's One Foundation")

When Jesus called you "Father" in teaching folks to pray,
And when he said we're children who need to trust your way,
O God, he knew your closeness, your guidance from above.
Perhaps in Joseph's caring, he'd learned to trust your love.

Some cannot call you Father; they will not use that name.
The fathers they have known here have caused them fear and pain;
And though you're like a father, you're like a mother, too.
No single name can ever tell all we know of you.

Yet Jesus in his teaching described a father's joy
When, at his son's returning, he ran to greet the boy.
O God, when we have hurt you and struggled on our own,
Just like that loving parent, you run to bring us home.

O God, you seek to save us, no matter what the cost;
Our Father, your intention is no one will be lost.
As Jesus called you "Abba," and trusted in your plans,
We trust in you to guide us! Our lives are in your hands.

You hold your children's future when all will be made new.
Your house has many dwellings so we may live with you.
Just like a loving father, you answer when we pray.
In thanks, may we your children now follow you each day.

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

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

 OFFERTORY

**\*** SONG OF THANKS  *Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness* GTG #657 (v. 1)

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.

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

 **\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* GTG #39

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

**Refrain:**
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **[Refrain]**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **[Refrain]**

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: As we go from this place,

**People: We celebrate our ancestorial fathers.**

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**People: We celebrate those fathers and father-like figures that have spoken love into our lives.**

Leader: And above all, as we leave this place,

**People: We praise our God, our Creator, the Father and Mother of us all, whose parental love is everlasting. Alleluia, and Amen!**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**Sunday June 23, 2024 Lectionary**

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11,19-23) 32-49; Psalm 133; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13;

Mark 4:35-41

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

 Today 6/16 Next Week 6/23

Sunday Opener: Linda Caviglia Ron Holmes

Ushers/Greeters: Steve & Donna Mazer Sharon Pappas

 Tim Oates

Lay Leader: Max Carroll Bob Steppling

Fellowship Host: Linda Caviglia Barbara Nickell

**Happy Birthday!** June 17 – Alex McClung

 June 22 – Tim Oates

**Announcements**

**Pentecost Offering:** Thanks to your generosity, we collected a total of $470 and were able to send $248 to Mission of Mercy, a local mission in Maryland and Pennsylvania that seeks to “heal through love” by offering free medical and dental care to those in need.

**A big THANK YOU** to all who helped set up, serve, clean up and more at our picnic, concert, and reception!

**Noisy Offering:** **June 30** will be our next Noisy Offering collection, which will go towards Community Table (formerly known as Feed My Sheep). This program, in which we actively participate, provides meals for those in Carroll County and surrounding areas. Bring your spare change and let’s make some noise!

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

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