**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**So they went out**

**and proclaimed**

**that all should repent.**

Mark 6:12 NRSV

**July 7, 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: As we gather together, we hear God’s redemptive and informing Word for our lives today.

**People: We enter with joy, to sing, to praise, to give voice to the way the Word speaks to our hearts.**

Leader: We share in communion, in the bread and wine, and come to the table that welcomes all.

**People: We share this time together, in fellowship and in listening and speaking, growing closer together.**

Leader: For this time and place and for its sacredness**,**

**People: We humbly give thanks to God.**

Leader: So let us start this very day, this very moment:

**People: Let us worship God with hearts full of praise!**

**\*HYMN** *I Come with Joy* GTG #515

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,   
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,   
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,   
The new community of love in Christ’s communion bread,  
In Christ’s communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.   
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
And strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,   
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,  
Alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,   
We’ll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,  
The love that makes us one.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: This morning, we hear the story of the disciples who are called and commissioned to show up, listen, speak truth, and let God do the rest. It sounds so easy, and yet it can be so hard. It can be difficult to fulfill the call, so let us come before our gracious God and name the ways that we have fallen short. Trusting in God’s grace, let us pray together:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous and Loving God, we come before you with grateful hearts that have been touched by your loving presence and your Word. We also know that you have equipped us to share your Spirit in this world, yet we have often found it difficult. There are times where we have not shown up when and where your Spirit called. There are moments we have chosen not to listen but to speak first, shutting out a world of possibilities. We know you have called us to speak at times, but we have been fearful to share the truth. We know that you are the one who changes hearts, but we have often made another person’s faithfulness our own statement of success. We see the ways in which we can be more faithful disciples, so we ask that you cleanse our hearts once again, restore us both with confidence and humility, to show up, to listen, to speak the truth, and to let you move other’s hearts. Lord, please forgive us. 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: God knows our inmost thoughts and our hearts and hears our fervent cry for forgiveness. In God’s renewing and restoring grace, we have been forgiven once again!

**People: We celebrate the God whose love is beyond measure! We joyfully accept God’s forgiveness, with open hearts and minds. 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**

Generous Lord, open our hearts and minds, by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Psalm 123* OT page 540

1 To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. 4 Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Mark 6:6b-13* NT page 38

Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’ 12So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Shaking Off the Dust*Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN**  *Faith Begins by Letting Go* GTG #684

Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,  
Taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:  
Pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory’s roots alive  
So that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive,  
Not through merit we possess but by God’s great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,  
Sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;  
Till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God’s grace.

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

## **INVITATION**

## **THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[The Pastor continues… “…who forever sing to the glory of your name.”]

**IN PRAISE OF GOD** Tune #552

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of Power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

[The Pastor continues… “…proclaim the one crucified and risen.”]

**IN PRAISE OF CHRIST** Tune #553

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF THE MEAL**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

**Dear God, take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of the earth, and citizens of the commonwealth of Heaven. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

**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.

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

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

**\*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\* HYMN** *Lord of All Hopefulness* GTG #683

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,

Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:

Be there at our waking and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,

Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:

Be there at our labors and give us, we pray,

Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,

Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:

Be there at our homing and give us, we pray,

Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,

Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:

Be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,

Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Let us go from this place and show up,

**People: For the Spirit will call us where we are needed.**

Leader: Let us listen,

**People: For listening to one another is the highest form of love.**

Leader: Let us speak the truth,

**People: For the truth sets us free to be wholehearted people.**

Leader: Let us wipe the dust off our sandals,

**People: For it is up to God to do the rest.**

Leader: Let us go as faithful disciples,

**People: Called, chosen, and equipped for the call. Alleluia and Amen.**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**Sunday July 14, 2024 Lectionary**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

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

Today 7/7 Next Week 7/14

Sunday Opener: Beth Oates Linda Caviglia

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Rogers Steve & Donna Mazer

Volunteer Needed

Lay Leader: Sharon Pappas Mark Kearney

Fellowship Host: Rebekah Schermer

Communion Servers: 1. Linda Caviglia 2. Bob Steppling 3. Kathy Russ

**Happy Birthday!** July 8 – Tony Caviglia

July 8 – Sharon Pappas

July 8 – Cynthia Smith

**Announcements**

**Contribution Statements:** Year-to-date contribution statements are available in the Narthex.

***Today:***

**Sunday July 7**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

***Next Week:***

**Sunday July 14**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

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

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