**Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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**June 23, 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: We come to celebrate,

**People: The Creator who put the waves into motion.**

Leader: We come to honor,

**People: The Spirit whose presence is as quiet as a still silence and as loud as the rush of waves.**

Leader: We come to praise,

**People: The Redeemer who made us disciples and asks us to be stewards of the gifts of the waves, winds, waters, and more.**

Leader: So let us come together, with our open hearts and minds,

**People: To hear the God of us all speak a new word to us.**

**ALL: Let us worship our God!**

**\*HYMN** *What Is This Place* GTG #404

What is this place, where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor.

Walls and a roof, sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.

Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,

And know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling. Sparks that are sown in us like seed:

Names for our God, dreams, signs and wonders

Sent from the past are what we need.

We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard:

God’s free redeeming word.

And we accept bread at his table, broken and shared, a living sign.

Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other’s bread and wine.

This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase:

God’s justice and God’s peace.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: In our readings today, we hear the disciples marvel at the God who can control the wind and the waves. We also hear the importance of following God, regardless of the struggles that we may endure. Yet, in our humanity, we can be in awe of the God who is in control, but we cease to follow God’s call to discipleship. Let us come in prayer together, asking for forgiveness and a new way to come forth:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Generous and Loving God, you are our Creator and the Creator of all things, whose power is great and whose might is used for good. We marvel at your wisdom and have gratitude for all that you do within us and through us. Yet, God, when you have asked us to be your presence in this world, we have often turned away. When the call gets hard, we tend to look down, hoping someone else will take up the slack. We know that your call is not easy, but we also know that your love will carry us through. Forgive us for our fear, renew us in your call, and restore us in our relationship with you. We pray all these things in your holy name. 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: We know through our Scriptures that nothing can keep us from the love of God; not our sin, not our struggles, not even life nor death. We belong to God and with God and are given the great hope of forgiveness.

**People: We join our voices in celebration and praise – we are forgiven and restored once again to do the good work of the Spirit in this world. 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, 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** *Mark 4:35-41* NT page 36

35On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ 36And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. 37A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ 39He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’

41And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *2 Corinthians 6:1-13* NT page 171

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2For he says, ‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’ See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! 3We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, 7truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. 11We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. 12There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. 13In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *The Wind and the Waves*Rev. Becca Price

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN** *Standing on the Promises* GTG #838

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

**Refrain:**  
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
Bound to him eternally by love’s strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword,  
Standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment to the Spirit’s call,  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God. **[Refrain]**

**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.

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** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* GTG #725

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
Be now and always near me, my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O let me feel you near me! The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw still nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
That where you are in glory your servant shall be too.  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
Now give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go out into the world in peace.

**People: Let us have courage and hold on to what is good.**

Leader: Let us return no one evil for evil.

**People: Let us strengthen the fainthearted.**

Leader: Let us support the weak and help the suffering.

**People: Let us honor all people.**

Leader: Let us love and serve the Lord,

**People: And let us do all things, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia and amen!**

**\* UNISON AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**Sunday June 30, 2024 Lectionary**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

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

Today 6/23 Next Week 6/30

Sunday Opener: Ron Holmes Barbara Cornell

Ushers/Greeters: Sharon Pappas Brenda McClung

Tim Oates Ron Holmes

Lay Leader: Bob Steppling Tim Oates

Fellowship Host: Barbara Nickell Connie Gibbons

**Happy Birthday!** June 24 – Leah Halvorson

June 28 – Margaret Carroll

June 30 – Diana Steppling

**Happy Anniversary!** June 27 – Barbara and Peter Cornell

June 29 – Linda and Larry Black

June 30 – Martha and Davis Streaker

**Announcements**

**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!

***Today:***

**Sunday June 23**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

***This Week:***

**Saturday June 29**

7:00 pm Family Game Night (Fellowship Room)

***Next Week:***

**Sunday June 30**

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

**Monday July 1**

7:00 pm HeadHuggers (Manse)

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

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