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| March 7th, 2021 – 10:30amSpringfield Presbyterian ChurchOrder of WorshipThird Sunday of Lent *Announcements* *Lighting the Christ Candle*Leader: Whenever we light this candle we proclaim:**People: Christ is the Light of the world and center of our lives.** *Gathering of the People*Leader: The Lord be with you!**People: And also with you!** [Greetings and Announcements] *Call to Worship [Psalm 19]*Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;**People: Yet their voices goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun;**Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**Leader: Let the words of our mounts and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you.**People: O Lord, our rock and redeemer, who we come to praise and worship. Amen.***\* Hymn Here in This Place*             GtG #401 *Prayer of Confession***Generous God, take our wandering spirits that remain complicit in injustice and our hearts that are dulled from the toxicity of the world. Refocus our minds on you, lead us in your ways of justice and reform. Guide us to the places where you seek change and help us to build up the Kingdom in partnership with you. Forgive us, restore us, and redeem us, O God, and set us apart as your faithful people. Amen.***Silent Prayers of Confession* *Musical Response* GtG #434 *Restore in Us, O God, v.1* Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.*Words of Assurance (responsive)* Leader: The Good News is for all the world: Christ was born, lived, died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death.**People: In Christ, we are forgiven, let us be at peace. Amen.***The Peace*Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!**People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you) *The Proclamation of the Word* *Prayer of Illumination* Generous God, turn our hearts, minds, and spirits to your Word, so that we may hear your truth more clearly, feel your love more deeply, and join with you in living out your Word to us today.*Scripture Lesson* John 2:13-2513The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” 17His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” 18The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” 19Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” 20The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” 21But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.23When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. 24But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.Anthem*Sermon* Turning the Tables *The Response to the Word* *\* Hymn When Christ Went to the Temple*       Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  **THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**INVITATION [Isaiah 55:1; Ps. 63:4-5]Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; let those who have no money come and eat. God will satisfy our souls with a rich feast, and we will bless the Lord as long as we live.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** “For this I pray to God.” / “For this I give thanks to God.” **Congregational Response: “Hear our prayer, O God.”****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.**Hymn *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*  GtG #187 *Charge & Benediction*Leader: Let us turn the tables,**People: Changing our idea of what is holy and good.**Leader: And let us focus on God,**People: Who continues to call us to justice and peace.**Leader: Guide our feet and our souls,**People: To be co-creators and partners in building up Your Kingdom of love, justice, and compassion. Amen.** |
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