Order of Worship

May 16, 2021 – 10:30am  
Springfield Presbyterian Church  
7th Sunday of Easter

*Announcements* - *Live lay leader*

*Lighting the Christ Candle - Live lay leader*  
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* - *Live lay leader*

Leader: The Lord be with you!  
**People: And also with you!**  
  
*Call to Worship - Live lay leader*

Leader: O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world,

**People: enable us to be still and know that You are God.**

Leader: O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life,

**People: breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm.**

Leader: O still, small voice, speak to us this hour

**People: that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world.**

*Hymn In Christ There Is No East or West* GTG #318

*Prayer of Confession - Live lay leader*

O God, You are always doing a new thing. We confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people’s worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.

Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through.

*Silent Prayers of Confession*

*Response - Live lay leader*  
   
*Words of Assurance*

Leader: Siblings in Christ, Christ has forgiven our sins. Christ calls us to new life. Christ will lead us into righteousness.

*The Peace - Live lay leader*  
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!  
**People: And also with you!**

*Anthem* You Are Mine by David Haas arr. Mark Hayes  
   
*The Proclamation of the Word*

*Prayer for Illumination - Live lay leader*  
God of wisdom, open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts and minds to understand your word as we hear it read and proclaimed today.  Amen.

*Scripture Lesson –* <https://youtu.be/CP2YlAqz6f0>Luke 8:26-39

*Sermon -* “Better the Devil You Know?”  Rev. Pamela Meilands

*The Response to the Word*  
   
*Hymn     Lord You Give the Great Commission* GTG #298

*Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer* - <https://youtu.be/tWK9vXzNK6I>  
  
**Our Father,** **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven and give us this day our daily bread** **and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Hymn     Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* GTG #761

*Charge and Benediction -* <https://youtu.be/c2eTdDAY2YI>