Order of Service

March 14, 2021 – 10:30am
Springfield Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship - Fourth 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!**

Call to Worship [Psalm 107:1-8]
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.**
Leader: Those he gathered in from the lands: from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
**People: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.**
Leader: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;
**People: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.**

\* Hymn     GtG #385     *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Prayer of Confession
**Generous God, we recognize that our life and livelihood comes from you alone, and that we are but mere, beloved, mortals. Forgive us when we believe we are the ones who have earned your love, your grace, your mercies. Empower us to move to a future that reflects your work in this world by faithful servanthood because you first loved us. Restore us, renew us, and bless us as we pursue a life of love, service, and compassion, through the grace and mercies we have received. 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 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 Lessons

John 3:14-21

14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

*Ephesians 2:1-10*
 You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 3All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 4But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— 9not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Sermon Through Grace Alone

The Response to the Word

\* Hymn     GtG #182       I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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.”**
And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together
that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray…

**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 GtG #157       I Danced in the Morning

Charge & Benediction

Leader: Take us from this place,
**People: Relying on your grace and mercy,**
Leader: To be a people who bless your name.
**People: Through love,**
Leader: That we experienced through you first,
**People: Create in us kingdom-bearers, change-makers, and peacekeepers. Amen.**