**Springfield Presbyterian Church**

**June 5th, 2022**

**Visions and Dreams**

1. Brevity

Today we celebrate Pentecost, Communion, and the

installation of our Elders. We might be a small church, but with a big heart we find ourselves doing a lot in the name of Christ on one morning. With that in mind, consider this a sermonette – a brief word, so I don’t run on overtime and y’all will come back to church.

 Pentecost is the beginning of the church as we know it today and it is a good reminder that when two or three are gathered, we become the body of Christ, the church. We know that the Spirit has been around forever, an equal part of the Trinity, but this is one of the times where we explicitly name the power of the Holy Spirit.

 I’m sure I’ve told you previously, but my favorite part of the passage is when people are led to dream dreams and see new visions. I think that’s because it is so core to who I believe we are called to be in the Reformed tradition – people who are always looking to see what is new and how we can remain faithful to Christ but also are dynamically engaged in our culture in this time and place.

1. Communion

As we think about that sacred Pentecost morning, we come

to the table together, we remember that the Spirit dwells here at the table. As we remember Christ’s act of Salvation, we remember the Spirit that was with Jesus in every step and every breath.

 As we take the bread and wine, we often praise God and praise Jesus, but do not forget the Spirit. The Spirit is even more mysterious, she is moving, right here and right now. Allow yourself to feel her presence as you celebrate the sacrament.

1. Installation

As we come to install our Elders this morning, the reminder of

dreaming and visioning is important. We are all called to this work, but I also emphasize to those coming back into active leadership, that this work is vital. I encourage you to dream those things that seem impossible and speak up. I encourage you to envision what the church of Christ looks like in the future and see how we can walk down that path together.

 As you are installed and as we are witnesses to it, as a sacred act, we will feel the Holy Spirit actively involved. Know that the Spirit is with you; she has been with you always, she is here among us today, and she will lead us into the future.

1. Commission

As we enter the sacred spaces of communion and

Installation, and as we celebrate Pentecost – let us be ever mindful of the Spirit that calls us to dream and envision a new future, one that is abundant and whole for all the people of God. May you then go from this place and seek to make those dreams and visions a reality, for yourself, for the people of Christ, and for all the generations that follow us. Amen.