

WELCOME TO
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

May 17, 2020

Rev. Andy Sonneborn

6th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word of God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives. We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another. We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat. We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

Call to Confession

Leader: We have come to a time of confession. The prophets call us to repent and to change our ways. Christ offers to carry the burdens and heavy loads of our lives for us. Let us confess all the heavy burdens that we carry unnecessarily.

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, You have set before us the path, but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear Your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes

us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek Your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all our and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, parental God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek You every day, to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Hear us now in these moments of silent prayer and reflection...

Moment of Silence to Confess our Sins

Pastor Andy...Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Come and listen, all of you, and I will tell you what God has done for me. I cried out to God for help, confessing my sin, and praising God's Holy Name. If I had not spoken the truth, God would not have listened. God heard my prayer, and forgave my sin. Praise God, who listens when we pray, and who responds with unfailing love! Alleluia and Amen!

Proclamation God's Word

Psalm Reading

Psalm 66:8-20 (CEB)

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips

uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Gospel Lesson

John 14:15-21 (CEB)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Message

“Love and Grace”

Responding to God’s Word

Hymn #280 “Amazing Grace”

Joys/Concerns/Lord’s Prayer

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: O Divine Voice, You sing and the universe comes into being; O Divine Breath, You breathe and all things spring to life; O Divine Word, You call and creation is sustained; O Divine Flesh, You are born among us, and the Creator is clothed in creation; O Divine Spirit, You fill all that has been formed; O Divine Life, You are the pulse of all that is. And so, in amazement and awe, in wonder and celebration we marvel at this mystery: In you all things live and move and have being, in all things, you live and move and express your Divine artistry; And so we join with creation praising your Holy Name. Go in peace this day and sing praises to God.

Postlude