

WELCOME TO  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF FARMINGTON

**June 14, 2020**

**Rev. Andy Sonneborn**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Gathering Around the Word of God**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: As Abraham welcomed the strangers, so God welcomes us. God greets us with joy and says, “rest here for awhile.” God brings out water to wash our dusty feet. God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits. So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God. Let us rest in this holy place where there is shade and water, food and laughter.

Hymn #473 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Call to Confession

Leader: Each week, we take time during worship to confess our sins before God and each other. We trust and believe that when we confess our sins, our faithful God will forgive us; for God’s love is great and abundant. Let us confess our sins together, saying...

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of all people, we come to you today ready to repent and change our lives. We confess all the ways in which sin against you and each other. We repent of all the ways that we have harmed each

other by our words and our actions and by what we have not said and what we have neglected to do. You show up in our lives, often in the form of an unexpected guest, and how often we have turned you away out of fear. Help us to see you in our neighbors. Help us to open our hearts and minds to see you in the least of these. Hear us now, in these moments of silent prayer and confession.

Moment of Silence to Confess our Sins

Pastor Andy...Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God’s promises are sure and true. If we confess our sins, God in God’s mercy will forgive us. Trust and believe in the amazing grace of God, you are forgiven. Alleluia and Amen.

**Proclamation God’s Word**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 100 (CEB)

Shout triumphantly to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with celebration! Come before him with shouts of joy! Know that the LORD is God—he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture. Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name! Because the LORD is good, his loyal love lasts forever; his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

Hebrew Testament Lesson

Genesis 18:1-15 (CEB)

The LORD appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day’s heat. He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. He said,

“Sirs, if you would be so kind, don’t just pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant.” They responded, “Fine. Do just as you have said.” So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, “Hurry! Knead three seahs of the finest flour and make some baked goods!” Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate. They said to him, “Where’s your wife Sarah?” And he said, “Right here in the tent.” Then one of the men said, “I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!” Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, I’m no longer able to have children and my husband’s old. The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Me give birth? At my age?’ Is anything too difficult for the LORD? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son.” Sarah lied and said, “I didn’t laugh,” because she was frightened. But he said, “No, you laughed.”

Message “Unexpected Surprises”

### **Responding to God’s Word**

Joys/Concerns/Lord’s Prayer

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Depart from this space and time to go and practice your faith. Welcome the strangers in the name of Jesus Christ. Proclaim

love and peace to everyone you meet. And as you go out into the world, go with the love of Jesus Christ, and the grace of God the creator, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Amen.

Postlude