

WELCOME TO
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

June 21, 2020

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3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Gathering Around the Word of God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Loving God, you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests, to take up our cross, and to follow you. To find our lives, may we live them in service of your mission. As we come before you this morning, give us open hearts and open hands. Make us eager to hear your voice and seek your guidance. Open our minds to your ever-present spirit that is always moving within and around us. Open our spirits to your nudging and open our lives to your love. Amen

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 grace and glory, we come to you today with heavy hearts. We know that we have sinned against you and each other. Forgive us when we put our selfish desires above the needs of others. Forgive us when we ignore the cries of the outcast and oppressed.

Forgive us for the times that we've hoarded rather than shared, held back rather than given, ignored rather than responded. Help us to be a generous people. Help us to be your church now and always. 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 86: 1-10 (CEB)

LORD, listen closely to me and answer me, because I am poor and in need. Guard my life because I am faithful. Save your servant who trusts in you—you! My God! Have mercy on me, Lord, because I cry out to you all day long. Make your servant's life happy again because, my Lord, I offer my life to you, because, my Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of faithful love for all those who cry out to you. Listen closely to my prayer, LORD; pay close attention to the sound of my requests for mercy. Whenever I am in trouble, I cry out to you, because you will answer me. My Lord! There is no one like you among the gods! There is nothing that can compare to your works! All the nations that you've made will come and bow down before you, Lord; they will glorify your name, because you are awesome and a wonder-worker. You are God. Just you.

Hebrew Testament Lesson

Genesis 21:8-21 (CEB)

The boy grew and stopped nursing. On the day he stopped nursing, Abraham prepared a huge banquet. Sarah saw Hagar's son laughing, the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. So she said to Abraham, "Send this servant away with her son! This servant's son won't share the inheritance with my son Isaac." This upset Abraham terribly because the boy was his son. God said to Abraham, "Don't be upset about the boy and your servant. Do everything Sarah tells you to do because your descendants will be traced through Isaac. But I will make of your servant's son a great nation too, because he is also your descendant." Abraham got up early in the morning, took some bread and a flask of water, and gave it to Hagar. He put the boy in her shoulder sling and sent her away. She left and wandered through the desert near Beer-sheba. Finally the water in the flask ran out, and she put the boy down under one of the desert shrubs. She walked away from him about as far as a bow shot and sat down, telling herself, I can't bear to see the boy die. She sat at a distance, cried out in grief, and wept. God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation." Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer. He lived in the Paran desert, and his mother found him an Egyptian wife.

Message "God heard the boy's cries"

Responding to God's Word

Hymn #543 "Abide with Me"

Father's Day Prayer

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