

WELCOME TO
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

June 28, 2020

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4th Sunday after Pentecost
Gathering Around the Word of God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We've come to worship, to sing and pray and hear God's Word, because God's love lasts forever! Even when God seems far away, we know that God's love lasts forever! Even when nothing is going right, and we're ready to give up, we know that God's love lasts forever! When people treat us badly, we know that God's love lasts forever! When we're all alone, and we feel like no one loves us, we know that God's love lasts forever! Let's worship God together!

Hymn #426 "Lord Speak to Me" (vs. 1-4)

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: Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you with heavy hearts and weary bodies. Life has been so difficult. So often, we cry out to you "how long will you forget me" while failing to remember all the ways

that we forget you. We have sinned against you and against each other. We have sinned through our actions and through our inactions. We confess the need for grace when we sin, but we are too quick to treat each other harshly. We have stood by and allowed oppression and racism to fester. Far too often, we are like the priest in the Good Samaritan story when we see someone in need. We say a prayer and then cross to the other side of the road without helping. Help us to be your Church, to be your faithful disciples. 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: I will sing about the wonders of Your love forever, O God! I will proclaim Your faithfulness to everyone I meet – young and old. For Your merciful love lasts forever, as constant as the heavens above. Blessed are those who trust in You, who walk in the light of Your presence. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Proclamation God's Word

Psalm Reading

Psalm 13 (CEB)

How long will you forget me, LORD? Forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long will I be left to my own wits, agony filling my heart? Daily? How long will my enemy keep defeating me? Look at me! Answer me, LORD my God! Restore sight to my eyes! Otherwise, I'll sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I won!" My foes will rejoice over my downfall. But I have trusted in your faithful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. Yes, I will sing to the LORD because he has been good to me.

Hebrew Testament Lesson

Genesis 22:1-18 (CEB)

After these events, God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" Abraham answered, "I'm here." God said, "Take your son, your only son whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as an entirely burned offering there on one of the mountains that I will show you." Abraham got up early in the morning, harnessed his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, together with his son Isaac. He split the wood for the entirely burned offering, set out, and went to the place God had described to him. On the third day, Abraham looked up and saw the place at a distance. Abraham said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will walk up there, worship, and then come back to you." Abraham took the wood for the entirely burned offering and laid it on his son Isaac. He took the fire and the knife in his hand, and the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father?" Abraham said, "I'm here, my son." Isaac said, "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the entirely burned offering?" Abraham said, "The lamb for the entirely burned offering? God will see to it, my son." The two of them walked on together. They arrived at the place God had described to him. Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. But the LORD's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven, "Abraham? Abraham?" Abraham said, "I'm here." The messenger said, "Don't stretch out your hand against the young man, and don't do anything to him. I now know that you revere God and didn't hold back your son, your only son, from me." Abraham looked up and saw a single ram caught by its horns in the dense underbrush. Abraham went over, took the ram, and offered it as an entirely burned offering instead of his son. Abraham named that place "the LORD sees." That is the reason people today say, "On this mountain the LORD is seen."

The LORD's messenger called out to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I give my word as the LORD that because you did this and didn't hold back your son, your only son, I will bless you richly and I will give you countless descendants, as many as the stars in the sky and as the grains of sand on the seashore. They will conquer their enemies' cities. All the nations of the earth will be blessed because of your descendants, because you obeyed me."

Message

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