

WELCOME TO
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

March 8, 2020

Rev. Andy Sonneborn

2nd Sunday of Lent
Gathering Around the Word of God

Prelude
Ringing of the Bell
Lighting Chancel Candles
Welcome and Announcements
Choir Introit

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We are in the presence of God. Leave the places you have known and walk with God. Leave behind thoughts of limitation and imagine.

All: But we are secure where we are.

Leader: Ahh, but new ways of being in this world are possible for each of us.

All: Can't God bless us where we are, and as we are?

Leader: If you trust enough to move from the places you have known and question the systems around us, you will be blessed. God is our light and our salvation.

All: Lord, we open ourselves to you. Direct our paths and open our hearts and minds.

Leader: In this place, in every place, for this time, for all time.

All: Let us worship our God.

*Hymn #288

"I Sing the Mighty Name of God" (vs. 1-3)

***Call to Confession**

Leader: Even in the wilderness of our lives, Christ calls us home. Scripture reminds us that we are never left to carrying the weight of our sins and burdens alone. Christ calls us home, asking us to let go of the burdens we carry unnecessarily. Let us confess together...

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Holy One, who is able to make all things new, we are thankful for the gift of each day being an opportunity to do better, to be better. We ask forgiveness for wanting new life without being willing to die to old ways of being. Forgive us for doubting that new life, rebirth is possible. Midwife our spirits, that we may be born into a new state of consciousness; that we may be born from above. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Leader: 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: Even in our reluctance, even in our brokenness, God provides a path to wholeness and renewal. When we confess our shortcomings, God has mercy on us and is generous with forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven....and that is good news.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

***Gloria Patri**

Proclamation God's Word

Children's Lesson

Pastor Andy

Choir Anthem

Psalm Reading

Psalm 121 (CEB)

Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17 (CEB)

Message

"How Are These Things Possible?"

Responding to God's Word

Birthdays/Joys/Concerns/Lord's Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, let these gifts be like food and drink in the wilderness for those who have suffered and longed for your presence. May these offerings strengthen those who are resisting temptation and lead us to attend to all who need your healing touch. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our example and savior. Amen.

*Hymn#276

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (vs. 1-3)

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: God of our past. God of our future. God of this present age. As we leave this place, but not your presence – we pray that you take us not away from danger, but give us the courage to face it. Take us not away from difficulty, but give us strong hearts to bear it. Take us not away from evil, but give us the power to overcome it. May the love of God surround you, the peace of God dwell in you, and the justice of God compel you. Go in peace. Amen

Postlude

**Please rise, as you are able.*

God
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Sunday, March 8, 2020
Sunday School 9:15AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
Fellowship 11:30AM

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