

WELCOME TO
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

March 22, 2020

Rev. Andy Sonneborn

4th Sunday of Lent

Gathering Around the Word of God

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Lighting Chancel Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Choir Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: When we pass through the waters,

All: God is there with us.

Leader: When we suffer and feel hopeless,

All: God is there with us.

Leader: When we are joyful and celebratory,

All: God is there with us.

Leader: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

All: God is there with us, always.

Leader: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel, God with us.

*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

All: Gentle Shepherd, You promise us that You are our rock, that Your rod and staff protect us and guide us, but we still get so turned around. We try to go through the valley on our own and we get lost. We put our trust in things and the weapons of this world to protect us, rather than trusting in You and Your rod and staff. Help us to follow You more closely. 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. Thanks be to God. Amen

*Gloria Patri

Proclamation God's Word

Children's Lesson

Pastor Andy

Choir Anthem

Psalm Reading

Psalm 23 (CEB)

Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-41 (CEB)

Message

“I was Blind and Now I See!”

*Worship service 10:30 AM
Fellowship 11:30AM*

Responding to God’s Word

Birthdays/Joys/Concerns/Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

All: Lord, You call us to be Your light in the darkness, Your voice in the wilderness, Your hope for the hopeless. You give us strength in our weakness, peace and gentleness, words and boldness, to proclaim more of you and of us, less. Amen.

*Hymn #280 “Amazing Grace” (vs. 1-5)

*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

*Sunday, March 22, 2020
Sunday School 9:15AM*