

WELCOME TO  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF FARMINGTON

April 19, 2020

Rev. Andy Sonneborn

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word of God

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as people on a journey.

**All: We believe & we have doubts, we do good & we sin. We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.**

Leader: Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God.

**All: We seek forgiveness & grace from the One and from those we've harmed.**

Leader: Assured of that grace, we are ready to grow again.

**All: We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.**

Leader: Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here. Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

**All: Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions. Amen.**

Hymn:

Call to Confession

Leader: If we say that we have not sinned, we deceive ourselves. The prophets call us to repent and to change our ways. Christ offers to carry the burdens and heavy loads of our lives for us. Let us confess all the heavy burdens that we carry unnecessarily.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**All: Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that You exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world, and it is hard to see Your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear Your name do not walk in Your ways. Help us to see Your goodness in this world. Help us to know Your love. Fill us with Your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith. 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: Believe the good news. The grave is empty. Grace and love have won. We are forgiven. We are beloved. We are the sacred children of the God who has conquered death forever. Thanks be to God. Alleluia and Amen!

Proclamation God's Word

Children's Lesson

Pastor Andy

Psalm Reading

Psalm 150 (CEB)

150 Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary! Praise God in his fortress, the sky! <sup>2</sup> Praise God in his mighty acts! Praise God as suits his incredible greatness! <sup>3</sup> Praise God with the blast of the ram's

horn! Praise God with lute and lyre! <sup>4</sup>Praise God with drum and dance! Praise God with strings and pipe! <sup>5</sup>Praise God with loud cymbals! Praise God with clashing cymbals! <sup>6</sup>Let every living thing praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-31 (CEB)

<sup>19</sup>It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven." <sup>24</sup>Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe." <sup>26</sup>After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!" <sup>28</sup>Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe." <sup>30</sup>Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. <sup>31</sup>But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

Message

"Doubting Faith?"

### **Responding to God's Word**

Joys/Concerns/Lord's Prayer

Hymn

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Depart from this place to do God's will. Carry your discipleship out into the world.

**All: Our spirits rejoice in God's grace. Our lives have been equipped to meet the world.**

Leader: Greet strangers as you have been greeted here. Feed them as you have been fed by a living God.

**All: We welcome all in this place.**

Leader: 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.