

WELCOME TO  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF FARMINGTON

May 10, 2020

Rev. Andy Sonneborn

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Gathering Around the Word of God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God! Take refuge in the Lord, who listens when we cry out, who rescues us when we call, and who leads and guides us according to his unfailing love. You are our God; our lives are in your hands. Let's worship God together!

Hymn #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Call to Confession

Leader: We have come to a time of confession. 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.

Prayer of Confession

All: **Before God and each other, we confess that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice we see and declaring God's vision. We confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy. Remind us, God, that you have**

**made us for your service. Recharge us with your Word. Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. 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

Psalm Reading

Psalm 31:1-5 (CEB)

31 I take refuge in you, LORD. Please never let me be put to shame. Rescue me by your righteousness! <sup>2</sup> Listen closely to me! Deliver me quickly; be a rock that protects me; be a strong fortress that saves me! <sup>3</sup> You are definitely my rock and my fortress. Guide me and lead me for the sake of your good name! <sup>4</sup> Get me out of this net that's been set for me because you are my protective fortress. <sup>5</sup> I entrust my spirit into your hands; you, LORD, God of faithfulness—you have saved me.

Greek Testament Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10 (CEB)

<sup>2</sup> Instead, like a newborn baby, desire the pure milk of the word. Nourished by it, you will grow into salvation, <sup>3</sup> since you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable. <sup>5</sup> You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> Thus it is written in scripture, *Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed.* <sup>7</sup> So God honors you who believe. For

those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone. <sup>8</sup>This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light. <sup>10</sup>Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Message "You are God's people"

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

Joys/Concerns/Lord's Prayer

Mother's Day Remembrance and Prayer

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Step out into the world in humble confidence: there is nothing about to happen that God has not foreseen, and no situation where Christ will not be there ahead of you, preparing a place and an opportunity for you. Thanks be to God. The peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ, God's Son. And the blessing of God all-loving, the Creator, Redeemer and Counsellor, will be with you now and always. Amen!

Postlude