

WELCOME TO  
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF FARMINGTON

**June 7, 2020**

**Rev. Andy Sonneborn**

**Trinity Sunday**  
**Gathering Around the Word of God**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

For there is no place which is without you, O God, and no time when you are not there. For you are the beginning and the end, the source of all that is in the wonder of universal life. And yet, you take us by the hand and lead us, as the life of Christ walks our human way and shows us that life is stronger than death. In the Holy Spirit, we are gifted, again and again, and are called onwards toward a future in which we are surrounded with love and grace. We praise and worship you, O God, for there is no other God like you. Amen.

Hymn #139 "Come Thou Almighty King" (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

Great God of all creation, who are we that you are mindful of us? You who set the stars in motion, who launched waves crashing against the shore, who knows the heights and depths of the world; Why do you bother with us? You count the hairs on our heads, and call us each by name. You give us your wisdom and you uphold us by your Spirit. You tend to us and care for us, and we do not understand why. We cannot grasp your love for us, O God, for it is unlike us to be that loving and forgiving. We become enmeshed by our own needs and wants and desires and we fail to see beyond anything but our own little circles. Turn us around, O God. Help us to see as you see, and to reach out as you reach out. Remind us once again of the sacredness, of our ordinary, day-to-day lives. By your Spirit, teach us to live truly as beings little lower than angels. In your mercy, O God, forgive who we are and bless who we will be. 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: The Holy Spirit is present with us today! We give thanks to God for the grace that passes all understand, for the grace that forgives us our sins. Let people from all places and times and peoples cry out with one voice, Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.

**Proclamation God's Word**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 8 (CEB)

8 LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth! You made your glory higher than heaven! From the mouths of nursing babies you have laid a strong foundation because of your foes, in order to stop vengeful enemies. When I look up at your

skies, at what your fingers made—the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place—what are human beings that you think about them; what are human beings that you pay attention to them? You’ve made them only slightly less than divine, crowning them with glory and grandeur. You’ve let them rule over your handiwork, putting everything under their feet—all sheep and all cattle, the wild animals too, the birds in the sky, the fish of the ocean, everything that travels the pathways of the sea. LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20 (CEB)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Jesus came near and spoke to them, “I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.”

Message

“Holy Relationship”

### **Responding to God’s Word**

Joys/Concerns

We are about to practice an ancient sacrament in a new way. This morning, I invite you to lend Christ to your table for a few minutes. We may be in different rooms, sitting around different tables, but we trust that in this moment, we are gathered around one table. Scripture reminds us that people will come from east and west, and

from north and south to sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. The table in front of you is no longer your table. It is Christ’s table and there is always room for one more person. So, come and let us join together in the sacred meal.

Prayer of Consecration and Lord’s Prayer

Leader: Let us pray, God of us all, we may be sitting in front of different tables, but we trust that we have been gathered around your Son’s holy table. Each of us has different elements on their own table, but we trust that these elements will be, for us, your body and your blood. We praise you for the beauty of your creation that you call good. We know that whether we live or we die, we live and move and have our being in you. We ask that you would bless this moment. Show up, for and with us, in a real way in this time. We ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon these elements, that they may be for us your body and your blood. Nourish us and fill us with your presence. And hear us now as we pray the prayer your son, Jesus Christ, taught us to pray together, saying, “Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Consecration of the Elements

Leader: On the night that he was betrayed, Jesus gathered his disciples around a common table in an upper room in an ordinary house. After supper, he took some ordinary bread on the table and he broke it and said, this is my body, which is broken for you. Eat

this, all of you, in memory of me. After all had eaten, Jesus took an ordinary cup and filled it with wine. As he was doing that, he said to the disciples, this is the cup of salvation, poured out for you and for all. Drink this, all of you, in memory of me. For as often as we eat this bread and we drink this cup, we proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ until he comes again in glory. Amen.

#### Instructions for taking communion

Leader: Now is the time that we will partake in the body and blood of Christ. If you are alone, in a second, you can eat your bread and then take a drink from the cup. If you are a family, I invite you to take a piece of the loaf or element, pass it around the table until everyone has eaten, then all of you eat together. Each of you should have your own cup, and you can all drink together.

Leader: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

#### Prayer After Communion

Leader: Let us pray, Good and gracious God, we thank you for this holy and sacred moment. We ask that you bless us as we depart from your table this morning. Help us to see you in the great and small places of our lives. In your name we pray. Amen.

#### \*Charge and Benediction

Leader: So now we leave this space of worship and while so much of the road ahead is uncertain, the path constantly changing, we know some things that are as solid and sure as the ground beneath our feet, and the sky above our heads. We know God is love. We know Christ's light endures. We know the Holy Spirit this there, found in the space between all things, closer to us than our next breath, binding us to each other, until we meet we again. Go in peace.

#### Postlude