

WELCOME TO
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

July 5th, 2020

Rev. Andy Sonneborn

5th Sunday after Pentecost
Gathering Around the Word of God

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light. Christ calls us to come to worship; to rest from the things that are troubling us; to learn what Christ can teach of life; to realize what we can offer to others, and so to return into the world to serve. Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: Hymn Tapestry (YouTube clip)

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 faithful love and grace is abundant. Let us confess our sins together, praying...

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you with heavy hearts and weary bodies. We know that you offer to carry our burdens for us, but out of stubbornness, we refuse your help. We say we want one thing, but so often we act as if the opposite is true. Help us, Jesus, to really live out our calling as the Church. We turn away from evil and towards You. 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 LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. Hear the word of the Lord in Jesus: 'Your sins are forgiven!' Thanks be to God!

Proclamation God's Word

Psalm Reading

Psalm 145:8-14 (CEB)

"The LORD is merciful and compassionate, very patient, and full of faithful love. The LORD is good to everyone and everything; God's compassion extends to all his handiwork!" All that you have made gives thanks to you, LORD; all your faithful ones bless you! They speak of the glory of your kingdom; they talk all about your power, to inform all human beings about God's power and the majestic glory of God's kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingship that lasts forever; your rule endures for all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all that he says, faithful in all that he does. The LORD supports all who fall down, straightens up all who are bent low.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:25-30 (NRSV)

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Message

"Take my yoke upon you"

Responding to God's Word

Joys/Concerns/Lord's Prayer

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Depart from this place knowing that you do not walk this journey alone. Jesus offers to walk with you, carrying all those things that weigh you down. Proclaim love and peace to everyone you meet. And as you go into the world, go with the love of Jesus Christ, and the grace of God the creator, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace. Amen.

Postlude