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| February 14, 2021 – 10:30amSpringfield Presbyterian ChurchOrder of Worship - Sixth Sunday After Epiphany Lighting the Christ CandleLeader: Whenever we light this candle we proclaim:**People: Christ is the Light of the world and center of our lives.** Gathering of the PeopleLeader: The Lord be with you!**People: And also with you!** [Greetings and Announcements]Call to WorshipLeader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.**People: O Lord my God, I credit to you for help, and you have healed me.**Leader: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the pit.**People: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**Leader: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**People: As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”**Leader: By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.**People: To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:**Leader: What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?**People: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!**Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,**People: So that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.****All: Let us praise our faithful God!**\* Hymn      God of Grace and God of Glory – GtG307Prayer of ConfessionGenerous God, when we get off track or take the road that is not meant for us, we ask that you intervene through the power of your Holy Spirit and guide us on the right way. Forgive us in our stubbornness in wanting to follow everything that glimmers but leads nowhere. Renew us and restore us to be the disciples you call us to be and help right our feet so that we may be able to journey this life of faith with endurance. Amen. Silent Prayers of ConfessionMusical Response Breathe on Me, Breath of God (verse #2) – GtG286 Breathe of me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure. Words of Assurance (responsive)Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. (Romans 8:34) Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!** The PeaceLeader: The peace of Christ be with you!**People: And also with you!** (You may greet those around you) The Proclamation of the Word Prayer of Illumination  Loving God, help us to listen closely to your Word and the ways you speak to us today. Guide us, encourage us, and inspire us to take your Word and live it out today. Amen.Scripture Lesson     1 Corinthians 9:24-2724Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. 25Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. 26So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; 27but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified. Sermon A Faith Filled MarathonThe Response to the Word \* Hymn     Guide My Feet – GtG741Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer “For this I pray to God” / “For this I give thanks to God.”Congregational Response: “**Hear our prayer, O God.”**And now, in confidence and in gratitude, we say the prayer together that Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, taught us to pray…**Our Father,** **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven and give us this day our daily bread** **and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.****For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.** Offertory Prayer Hymn     Fight The Good Fight – GtG846Charge & BenedictionLeader: As we put on our shoes,People: Lead us on Your way.Leader: To be people who do your work,People: To proclaim the Gospel,Leader: With endurance and steadfastness,People: All the days of our lives. |
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