Order of Service

February 28th, 2021 – 10:30am  
Springfield Presbyterian Church  
Order of Worship - Second Sunday of Lent  
   
Announcements  
   
Lighting the Christ Candle  
Leader: Whenever we light this candle we proclaim:  
**People: Christ is the Light of the world and center of our lives.**  
   
Gathering of the People  
Leader: The Lord be with you!  
**People: And also with you!** [Greetings and Announcements]

Call to Worship [Psalm 22:23-31]  
Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
**People: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from us but heard when we cried to him.**  
Leader: From you comes our praise in the great congregation; our vows we will pay before those who fear him.  
**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!**  
Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.  
**People: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**  
Leader: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and we shall live for him.  
**People: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**  
**ALL: Let us worship our Almighty God!**

\* Hymn     GtG #814     Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!  
  
Prayer of Confession  
**Generous God, In a world of pandemic and in this season of Lent, we feel the pangs of uncertainty and scarcity. Yet, you proclaim that life with you is life in abundance. Help us to turn from all that tempts us, forgive us when we stray from your Word, and lead us to seeing your work in this world. Restore our sense of gratitude, give us joy in the simple things, and lead us from all that is false. Forgive us and renew us, this day and forevermore. Amen.**  
  
Silent Prayers of Confession

Musical Response GtG #434 Restore in Us, O God, v.1  
   
 Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
 renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.  
  
Words of Assurance (responsive)   
Leader: Christ came into this world, not to condemn the world, but to offer new life and forgiveness from his abundant mercy.  
**People: Our Savior’s love fills our hearts and souls, and we are joyfully forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!**  
  
The Peace  
Leader: 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    
God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our hearts to receive the truth of your Word. Help us understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; in Christ's way we pray. Amen.

Scripture Lesson     Mark 8:27-38

27Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” 28And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” 29He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?”  
Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” 30And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. 31Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” 34He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”   
  
Sermon All That Glitters Is Not Gold

The Response to the Word  
   
\* Hymn     GtG #418       Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling  
  
Pastoral 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.**

Hymn GtG #826       Lift High the Cross  
  
Charge & Benediction

Leader: We go from this place,  
**People: Not in scarcity, but in abundance.**  
Leader: Lead us to all that brings life and light,  
**People: Help us to point others to the truth.**  
Leader: Renew our weary hearts,  
**People: And help us to build up your Kingdom. Amen.**