January 23rd, 2022 – 10:30am
Springfield Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
The Wedding at Cana

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 96:1-10]
Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
**People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**
Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
**People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**
Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
**People: Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.**
Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.
**People: Say among the nations, “The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.”**
**ALL: Let us praise our faithful God.**

\* Hymn God Is Here!        # 409

Call to Confession [Heb. 4:14-16]
Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession
**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession
Response:    Spirit of the Living God – GtG288

Words of Assurance  [Isa. 43:1, 19]
Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine.
**People: God is doing a new thing, now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!**

Response: Glory Be To The Father – GtG581

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
Generous God, open our ears to hear the Word you share with us today. Open our eyes to see your world in a new way. Open our hearts and minds to live out your Word as we are called today. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson 1 Cor 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. 4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Second Scripture Lesson John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” 4And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” 5His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” 6Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. 9When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” 11Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon A Miraculous Party

The Response to the Word

\* Hymn     Sing of God Made Manifest         # 156

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

\* Hymn If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee     # 816

Charge and Benediction [Irish Blessing revised]
Leader: The Lord bless and keep you,
**People: In our coming and our going.**
Leader: The Lord bless and keep you,
**People: From this time and forevermore.**
Leader: The Lord bless and keep you,
**People: Praise be to God! Alleluia and Amen!**

Postlude