April 12th, 2019 – 10:30am

Springfield Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

Easter Sunday

*Prelude*

*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 118:1-2, 14-24]

*\* Hymn*

Christ the Lord is Risen Today – GtG#245

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)*

**Almighty God,**

**In raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

*Silent Prayers of Confession*

*Words of Assurance (responsive)*

Leader: Jesus came not to condemn the world, and so with a love that breaks even death, he forgives us and renews us by his resurrection.

**People: We are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Alleluia, 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*

*Scripture Lesson*

John 20:1-18

*Time with Young People*

*Sermon*

**The First Easter**

*The Response to the Word*

*\* Hymn*

In the Bulb There is a Flower – The Hymn of Promise

*The Communion of the People*

*Invitation* [1 Cor. 5:7-8]

*Great Thanksgiving*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*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 Saviour and Redeemer, taught us to pray...

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**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.**

*Words of Institution*

*Sharing of the Meal*

*Prayer of Dedication*

**Dear God,**

**Take us out to live as changed people**

**Because we have shared the living bread**

**And cannot remain the same.**

**Ask much of us, expect much from us,**

**Enable much by us, encourage many through us.**

**So, Lord, may we live to your glory,**

**Both as inhabitants of the earth,**

**And citizens of the commonwealth of Heaven**

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,**

**In the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**All glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Hymn*

Christ is Alive - #246

*Charge and Benediction*

Leader: Christ has died,

**People: To redeem his beloved,**

Leader: Christ has risen,

**People: To defy death’s sting**

Leader: Christ will come again,

**People: To usher in God’s kingdom alive and renewed!**

*Unison Amen*

*Postlude*

*Additional Notes:*