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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | August 9th, 2020 – 10:30am Springfield Presbyterian Church Order of Worship   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 85:8-13] Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, **People: For he will speak peace to his people.** Leader: He will speak to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. **People: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,** Leader: His glory dwells in the land. **People: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;** Leader: Righteous and peace will kiss each other. **People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,** Leader: Righteousness will look down from the sky. **People: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.** Leader: Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps. **ALL: Let us worship our faithful God!**   \* Hymn Spirit of the Living God – GtG#288 (Repeat 3x)   Prayer of Confession (Unison) **Generous God, in a world that thrives on chaos, we have forgotten how to slow down and listen for the small voice of your Spirit. We have chosen loudness, ways of distraction, so that we may not need to face things that make us uncomfortable. We put so much on our calendar to busy ourselves, but we do not take the time to slow down and listen to you. Forgive us for living in the clamber and restore us today to your wisdom. Renew us and revive us in your Word and in your call to seek the silence. Amen.**   Silent Prayers of Confession   Words of Assurance (responsive) Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **People: May the God of mercy, who forgives our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. 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  Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.   Scripture Lesson 1 Kings 19:9-13 NRSV   **9**At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” **10**He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Elijah Meets God at Horeb **11**He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; **12**and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. **13**When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”   Time with Young People    Sermon The Sound of Sheer Silence   The Response to the Word   \* Hymn Open My Eyes That I May See – GtG#451   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.”**   Generous 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 There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit – GtG#408     Charge and Benediction Leader: May we retune our ears, **People: To hear the still small voice,** Leader: Let the voice challenge us and strengthen us, **People: To be brave in doing new things,** Leader: May we continue to seek your Spirit, **People: In all that we do and say. Amen.** | | |