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| January 24th, 2021 – 10:30amSpringfield Presbyterian ChurchOrder of Worship - Third 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 Worship [Excerpts from Psalm 62] Leader: For God alone our souls wait in silence, for our hope is from Him.**People: He alone is our rock and salvation, our fortress; we shall not be shaken.**Leader: On God rests our deliverance and our honor; our mighty rock, our refuge is in God.**People: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him, for God is a refuge for us.**Leader: Once God has spoken; twice have we heart this:**People: That power belongs to God.**Leader: That steadfast love belongs to you, O God.**ALL: And so we come to worship our mighty God, our rock in whom we trust.**\* Hymn      I Sing the Mighty Power of God – GtG32Prayer of Confession [From the Worship Sourcebook]**Generous God, we confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure, or possession – seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you. Forgive our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the one who refused to save himself. Amen.**Silent Prayers of Confession Words of Assurance (responsive) [From Romans & 2 Corinthians]Leader: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?**People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.**People: Thanks be to God!** 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  [Psalm 19:14]Lord God, let the words of your servant’s mouth and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Through Christ, Amen.Scripture Lesson     Jonah 3:1-5, 10 NRSVThe word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.” When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.Sermon To Change Your MindThe Response to the Word \* Hymn     You Are Mine – GtG177Pastoral 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    We Are Called – GtG749Charge & BenedictionLeader: By the power of your Spirit,**People: Keep us in conversation with you.**Leader: Help us to trust your guidance,**People: And pray in earnest.**Leader: As we build the future together,**People: A holy kingdom. Amen.** |
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