Order of Service

March 21, 2021 – 10:30am
Springfield Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship - Fifth 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!**

Call to Worship
Leader: O Christ, Savior, like the seed fallen to the ground, you suffered death. United to you, our lives will bear much fruit.
**People: We praise you, Lord.**
Leader: O Christ, you went down to the lowest point of the human condition; you remain close to all who are abandoned.
**People: We praise you, Lord.**
Leader: In your love you took upon yourself our sins; innocent, you accepted death to free us from death.
**People: We praise you, Lord.**
Leader: By your love you conquered evil and hatred, and you live forever at the Father’s side.
**People: We praise you, Lord.**
Leader: You listen to us in your goodness, and you visit us and fill our hearts to overflowing by revealing your glorious light.
**People: In thanks and praise, in adoration and awe, we come before you to worship You, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.**

\* Hymn     GtG #724     *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Prayer of Confession
Generous God, you are our great shepherd, you tenderly gather us as lambs and carry us with your all-embracing love. Yet, like sheep, we wander from you: following our own ways, ignoring your voice, distrusting your provisions. Forgive our stubborn rebellion, our hardened hearts, our lack of trust. Refresh us once again by your quiet waters of mercy and restore our souls by your redeeming love. Through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, we pray. 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: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
**People: We are forgiven and shall be at peace. Thanks be to God!**

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 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. Amen.

Scripture Lesson John 12:20-36

20Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. 27“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” 29The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” 30Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” 33He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. 34The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” 35Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. 36While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.” After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

Sermon The Messiah’s Troubled Heart

The Response to the Word

\* Hymn     GtG #209       My Song Is Love Unknown

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 #198       Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

Charge & Benediction

Leader: With troubled hearts,
**People: We lean upon Yours, O Lord,**
Leader: We know the road,
**People: But you ask for us to remain faithful to the path ahead.**
Leader: In grace and peace,
**People: Help us to journey this Lent in solidarity, silence, looking to the day of celebration.**