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| **(Large Print)**   |  | | --- | | **Springfield Presbyterian Church (USA)**  7300 Spout Hill Road, Sykesville, MD 21784 410-795-6152  welcome_bulletin_21352  **June 13, 2021 - 10:30 am**  **WELCOME VISITORS!**  We're glad you are here! Cards at the ends of each pew are for you to fill out and drop in the Offering Plate. Please let us know you are visiting and join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service. The Sanctuary has an induction loop system to assist the hearing impaired. The system will also work on the telephone setting of hearing aids.  Springfield Presbyterian Church is rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, and called to loving relationships through vibrant worship and service. Valuing all people, we are committed to developing disciples and fostering stewardship.  **PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**  (**\*** those who are able are invited to stand)  *Prelude*  *Gathering of the People* Leader: The Lord be with you! **People: And also with you!** [Greetings and 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.**  *Call to Worship*  Leader: A home is more than four walls.  **People: A home is a place where love is given and received,**  Leader: A home is a place where we can fully be the people God calls us to be.  **People: A home is place where hands work together to create something more than we could each individually craft.**  Leader: A home is a welcoming place, whether it’s been a day or years, the doors are wide open.  **People: Today, we come home, after a year away, a year of trial and tribulation.**  Leader: Today, we come together not only in mind or spirit, but in body as well.  **People: So may today to be a celebration of the regathering of God’s people.**  Leader: And may that celebration be one that honors all that God is recreating here.  **People: As a people brought together, we praise our faithful and loving God as we come back to our spiritual home.**  *\* Hymn*  *Gather Us In*       GtG #401  *Prayer of Confession*  Generous God, as we look back on a year of fear, trauma, and glimpses of hope, we admit that we have sometimes fallen short of the call to be your servants. When we could have reached out with words of comfort, our fears led us to silence. When we could have participated in the work of building your Kingdom, sometimes we did, and sometimes we did not. We look back on the ‘coulds’, ‘woulds’, and ‘shoulds’ of this time and ask you to recreate us and break us free from the confines of the troubles of the world. Forgive us and reshape us, to be the people you are calling us to be in this time and place. Amen.  *Silent Prayers of Confession*  *Response*   *Words of Assurance (responsive)*  Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  **People: We shall know that we are forgiven and 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)  **\*** **RESPONSE** *Here I Am, Lord*  Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.  Anthem  *Fill Us With Your Spirit* by J. Paul Williams/David Lantz III  *The Proclamation of the Word*  *Prayer of Illumination*  God, 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* **Luke 15:11-32** The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother **11**Then Jesus[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2015%3A11-32&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-25592a)] said, “There was a man who had two sons. **12**The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. **13**A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. **14**When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. **15**So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. **16**He would gladly have filled himself with[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2015%3A11-32&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-25597b)] the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. **17**But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! **18**I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; **19**I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ **20**So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. **21**Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2015%3A11-32&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-25602c)] **22**But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23**And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; **24**for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.  **25**“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. **26**He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. **27**He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ **28**Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. **29**But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. **30**But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ **31**Then the father[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2015%3A11-32&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-25612d)] said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. **32**But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”  *Sermon* The Homecoming  *The Response to the Word*   *\* Hymn Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*            GtG 418  *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.**  Offertory  *\* Hymn God of Our Life*  GtG # 686    *Charge and Benediction* Leader: We are welcome here,  **People: To this gathering place.**  Leader: As we enter this different normal,  **People: May we become the people God is calling us to be today.**  Leader: So that by each action,  **People: We build up God’s revitalizing kingdom here on Earth.** | |