



**First Presbyterian  
Church in Springfield**

Virtual Service for the Lord's Day  
August 2, 2020 | 10:00 am  
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



..... We Gather .....

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

All who hunger—gather gladly.

**We come to feast on the life-giving Word.**

Here, love abounds and grace overflows.

**Here, blessings multiply as gifts are shared.**

Come—let us pour ourselves out in prayer and praise,

**and open ourselves to renewal and rest.**

\*Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn: 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*see hymns document*

Prayer of Confession:

God of abundance, we confess  
**In your hands meager offerings become bread to feed a multitude. Your mercy overflows to fill deserted landscapes with hope and grace. In you there is always more than enough. But we see only scarcity: too few resources to share with our neighbors, too little energy to respond to those in need. We turn from those who suffer, insisting they act full and well, rather than offering compassion and care.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

Forgive us God of Grace. **Transform us, we pray. Open our hands to share freely and generously and stretch our hearts to new expressions of love.**

Assurance of Pardon

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri: Glory Be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, amen.

\*Sharing in Peace

Thanks be to God: Christ makes us one.  
The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## ..... We Listen .....

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

Children's Sermon

Anthem: Deep River

arr. Mark Hayes

Second Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Sermon: "Seats, Not Scraps"

Kevin Ireland

# We Respond

## \*Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

## \*Hymn: 531 Seed, Scattered and Sown

*see hymns document*

Invitation for Offering

Offertory

## \*Presentation of Offering

Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

## \*Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: And also with you.**  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Sanctus

*see hymns document*

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**  
**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.**  
**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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution and Communion of the People

*The words of institution will be given here and communion offered. At 12:30 pm EST we will partake of communion wherever we may be without a prompting video. Offering a small prayer of gratitude before partaking is appropriate.*

*In this way those who watch live, those who watch recorded, those who must pause and resume the service and those presenting from the sanctuary may still take communion together in unity in the same way - without private or distinct communions observed or practiced. You will be united together with your siblings in Christ in prayer and spirit.*

*The Closing Prayer and Benediction will be shared at 1:00pm on our Facebook Page in order that our unified Communion occurs during the boundaries of our service of the Lord's day.*

## Prayer after Communion

# We Follow

\*Hymn: 803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*see hymns document*

\*Benediction and Log Off at 1pm on Facebook

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield! We are a welcoming congregation that seeks to cultivate and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in a community of learning, healing and sharing. It is our prayer that this will be a meaningful time of challenge and encouragement. Wherever you may be on your faith journey, there is a place for you to participate here. Childcare is available for children up to three years old in the Nursery.



The flowers today are "in memory of Ron Moser – 6 years, from Penny and Erica."

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