



**First Presbyterian  
Church in Springfield**

Service for the Lord's Day  
September 12, 2021 | 10:00 am  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*\* Please rise in body or spirit*



..... GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD .....

Prelude

'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus

*arr. Phil Hamm*

Life and Work of the Church

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

\*Call to Worship (inspired by Mark 8:29)

Polly Schaller

In the name of the Lord Jesus  
**the bread breaker**  
the light gatherer  
**cross carrier**  
welcome

Let us draw close to the Lord Jesus  
**the savior**  
the healer  
**the teacher**  
and worship him

May the peace of the Lord Jesus  
**the peace maker**  
and the temple disturber  
**friend of the sinner**  
and companion on the road  
**be with us all**

**and ask ourselves**  
who do we say he is?

\*Hymn #722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
We call you Lord,  
Yet it is too easy for us to worship other things.  
Other activities, other relationships, other gods.**

**You tell us we cannot serve two masters,  
Yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere,  
Diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you.**

**Forgive us, gracious Savior,  
When our hearts are led astray  
When we serve other gods and worship them.**

**We turn away from our distractions and sin.  
Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem,  
To take up our cross and follow you.**

**We pray this, counting on your grace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri: Glory Be to the Father

Greatorex

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 the Peace of Christ

A Message for All Ages

..... THE WORD PROCLAIMED .....

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Anthem

In Brokenness You Shine

Green, Herms, McKelvey  
Deb Wilson, soprano

New Testament Reading: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: *Who is Jesus?*

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

..... RESPONDING TO THE WORD .....

\*Hymn #325

By All Your Saints Still Striving

\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People & 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.**

Preparing to Make Our Offering to God

Our online giving portal: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCSdonate>

\*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 of Our Gifts

..... GOING FORTH TO SERVE .....

\*Hymn #547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

\*Benediction

Postlude

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Stephen Nielson





## First Presbyterian Church in Springfield

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.



"The flowers are given with love and in memory of my father, Paul Unger, and in honor of our brother-in-law, Wesley Craig, and my husband, Davis Phelps, all of whom celebrate the same birthday, September 13th." - Linda Phelps

## ◆ ◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS ◆ ◆

### ***Sundae Sunday is Here! -***

Come celebrate the beginning of the new calendar year today immediately following the service. The Worship & Music Committee will be serving ice cream in Taylor Hall. Come grab some sweet treats and then move outside to eat and socialize. A fun way to start the new year.

### ***Task Force for Pastoral Relationships - Listening Sessions -***

**The first listening session** will be held today at 11:30 a.m. in Room 101. If there is a large group, we will transfer to the sanctuary in order to be socially distanced. Masks are required.

**The second listening session** will be Monday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Zoom invite information below:

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87214620442?pwd=UHZJMON3MkxVZjIRalhjVjQ5S2ZiZz09>

**Meeting ID:** 872 1462 0442      **Passcode:** 961606

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**The third listening session** will be next Sunday, September 19th immediately following worship, in person, in Room 101, with a change to the sanctuary if the group is large.

### ***Blessing of the Animals -***

On Sunday 9/26, we will be worshipping outside under the trees, and pets are welcome! There will be an opportunity to share about your pet and for pets to receive a blessing, as we celebrate the joy of creation. Please bring along a chair, and invite your neighbors - along with their pets!

### ***Clothing Collection through 9/26 -***

Please bring in clean, comfortable clothing for men and women who are part of the Detox and Substance Treatment Program at Penn Presbyterian. Details are in our September newsletter.