



**First Presbyterian
Church in Springfield**

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



..... GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Gathering Music

Chimes

Prelude

Shall We Gather At The River

Life and Work of the Church

Rev. Diane Jamison Fitch

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 22, Psalm 71:12, Matthew 16:24-26, Mark 8:31-38)

Jean Harpel

We come to worship this morning from different places.

O God, do not be far from us.

We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

O God, do not be far from us.

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

O God, do not be far from us.

We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

O God, do not be far from us.

"Deny yourselves."

O God, do not be far from us.

"Take up your cross."

**O God, do not be far from us.
"Follow me."
O God, we thank you for drawing near to us
in this place, in our lives.
Amen.**

*Hymn #757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (inspired by Mark 10:17-31)

**Almighty and Holy One,
we cannot begin to count all our possessions.
We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements.
We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years,
and still we acquire more.
We have so much stuff and yet, there are those in our communities
who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart.
We know that you, O God, will defend the poor and come to them in their need.
But we, O God, need your forgiveness
for we are more attached to our things than we willingly acknowledge.
Help us confront our attachment to possessions and things more honestly
so we can share our own abundance more equitably. 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 - Amos 5:6-7; 10-15

Anthem

When You Believe

Stephen Schwartz
Ryan Wilson & Ian Brown

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31

..... RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn #722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

*Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's 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 #320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

*Benediction

Postlude

What Wondrous Love is This

arr. William Ringham





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 from this week are in remembrance of Al Pinter
and his love for Flouertown Presbyterian. - *Presented by Peggy Goutmann*



Liturgist - Jean Harpel

◆ ◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS ◆ ◆

Seeking Justice- Adult Education Program

Join us for conversation and learning around issues of Justice. Dave Robison will lead us through this discussion via Zoom.

Tuesday evenings @ 7:30

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81160556357?pwd=OGE3S3VGbFVaTUkvR3hmc2djVkJkFPUT09>

Meeting ID: 811 6055 6357

Passcode: 378821

Tuesday October 12th: The Discretion of Police and Prosecutors in the Justice System

How does police and prosecutorial discretion contribute to unjust outcomes?

What role did the “war on drugs” play in creating unjust outcomes?

What reforms would help and how might they happen?

Tuesday October 19th: Public Defenders, Judicial Sentencing, and Justice

Are 3-strikes laws providing justice?

What is a fair trial? How overworked are public defenders?

What reforms would help and how might they happen?

Tuesday October 26th: The Post-Prison Experience – more people are on parole than in prison.

Can ex-cons ever be full citizens again?

How much do the current laws push ex-cons to turn back to crime?

What role can we play in “seeking justice?”