# First Presbyterian Church of Springfield Order of Worship for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Rosemary Sprague

Moment with Young Disciples: Ross Thomas

### Welcome

We Approach God

### **Call to Worship**

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

He offers us abiding peace and friendship that renews our souls.

Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

He gives us wisdom that endures to guide us on our journey of life.

Jesus says, "Where I am, there you may be also." Let us worship God!

Prelude

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Mike Belote

## **Prayer of the Day**

We behold your glory, O God, in the love you have shown through your Son, who was lifted up on the cross and now is exalted on high in heaven. Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

### **Call to Confession**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In faith, let us approach God's throne of grace.

# **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, in baptism you claim us as beloved children and set us apart as witnesses to your love in Jesus Christ. At times we forget that we have received your grace and act as if you have no claim on our lives. You call us to ministries of compassion and generosity, but we make little room in our lives for mercy beyond moments of spontaneous kindness. Transform us by your Word and Spirit, that we might proclaim your good news in word and deed. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news: anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, a new life has begun! Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Thanks be to God!** 

## God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

**Prayer for Illumination** Lord, 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.** 

**Old Testament** Psalm 119:1 – 16 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

**Moment with Young Disciples** 

**New Testament** John 15:1 - 8 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

**Sermon** "Abiding in Christ" The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God's Word

Musical Interlude "What Wondrous Love Is This" Mike Belote

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**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.

### **Announcements**

**Invitation to the Offering** Jesus says, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). Let us return to God the offerings of our life.

# **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Gracious God, you are the vine grower and we belong to you. Thank you for carefully tending us, especially in difficult times. You provide what we need so that we may grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Help us to abide in him, the true vine. May these offerings and our lives bear much fruit and bring glory to you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

God Sends Us into the World

**Postlude** Mike Belote

**Benediction** Dr. Anderson