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

April 25, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson Organist: Mike Belote Worship Leader: Linda Thomas

Welcome

We Approach God

### Call to Worship

Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

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How can we know the way of God?

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

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Prayer of the Day

**Prelude** 

Almighty God, through the resurrection of your Son, you have lifted us up and filled us with rejoicing. With hearts filled with joy and gratitude, we worship and adore you. **Amen.** 

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Again"

Mike Belote

### **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**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sin, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, so that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confiding in your grace and finding in you our refuge and strength. We pray through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **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 23: 1-6 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

**Moment with Young Disciples** 

**New Testament** John 21:1-19 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

**Sermon** "Title" The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God's Word

Musical Interlude "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Mike Belote

**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 and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

#### **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**

O Lord, you are the good shepherd! Your son Jesus laid down his life for all who belong to you. Thank you for nurturing our life and sustaining our faith. In gratitude, we want to help others to know your love. Open our ears to listen to your voice. Open our eyes to see our brothers and sisters in need as sheep of your flock. May our tithes and offerings give voice to Christ's love for all people, especially those who have gone astray. **Amen.** 

#### God Sends Us into the World

**Postlude** Mike Belote

**Benediction** Dr. Anderson