

WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

June 16, 2024

Prelude

Ring the Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds on earth;

it grows up and becomes the greatest of shrubs, and the birds of the air make nests in its shade.

Give thanks to God, whose promised reign is coming.

Thanks be to God!

*Opening Hymn # 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Call to Confession:

we remember that we are God's people, but we have often preferred our way instead of God's. Trusting God's power to make us new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us.

Captivated by power and prestige, we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around. Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work. Forgive us when we work against your plans and purposes— fostering divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation; beset by apathy when the world has such deep needs; building walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests. Help us to grow in faithfulness, we pray, so that we might reach our fullest height of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Scripture Readings Psalm 20
Mark 4:26-34

Sermon "So Big!"

* Hymn #714 "God of the Fertile Fields"

Birthdays

Joys/Concerns/Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

God has provided us with all that we need. It is our privilege to give back to God. Let us return a portion of what God has so freely given to us. Let us now humbly bring our gifts to the Lord.

Offertory

*Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving for our Tithes and Offerings

Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this day, that they may be a sign of our commitment to your kingdom and a pledge of our love for you and your world. Multiply the work done by our time, treasures, and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

* Charge and Benediction

Sleep and rise night and day and keep alert to the kingdom of God all around.

May God bless you with new life, Christ tend you in grace, and the Holy Spirit guide your steps, as you walk by faith now and forever.

*Postlude