Welcome to worship with the Presbyterian Church of Western Springs!
Like our siblings throughout the world, currently our congregation is gathering
online with the assistance of electronic technology.
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Gathering Together in God’s Name – Wherever We May Be

Prelude
Moment Musicaux in f minor
Stephanie Coates, organ
Franz Schubert

Gathering & Greeting

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of God’s name;
give God glorious praise.
Come and see what God has done:
God is awesome in God’s deeds among mortals.
God turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There we rejoiced in the Lord,
who rules by God’s might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations.
Let us pray:
Almighty God, you are indeed righteous and faithful.
You have blessed your people and never removed your steadfast love from us. In our time of worship, may we be reminded of your love so that we might more clearly see your goodness in our midst. Amen.
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (silent confession followed by unison prayer)

Almighty God, we desire to be your people – a people seeking to bring your love into the world. Forgive us for the ways that we have been unable, unwilling, and even uninterested in seeing the world through your eyes. Change our hearts, again and again, that we might become the individuals, the community, and the church you created us to be. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son;
and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, it is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ
Proclaiming the Word of God

Scripture Lesson Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Sermon Within Reach The Rev. Erik P. Khoobyarian

Responding to God’s Word

Special Music 10,000 Reasons Words and Music by Kami Booth, Carly Booth, & Tanner Booth Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

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Sending Song King of My Heart Words and Music by John Mark McMillan & Sarah McMillin

Go in God’s Name

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Praise Him! Praise Him! Words and Music by Stephanie Coates, piano arr. by Victor Labenske

Stephanie Coates, piano

Thank you to Kami Booth, Carly Booth, Tanner Booth, Stephanie Coates, and Lottie MacAulay Friedman for their leadership in worship today!
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