

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org Worship Service 10:30 am
March 26, 2023 5th Sunday in Lent

Musical Prelude – Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: “based on Psalm 130: 1, 3, 5” (*read responsively*)

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord

C: Lord, hear my voice!

L: I trust in the lord;

C: My soul trusts in his word.

L: For with the Lord is Kindness.

C: And with Him is plenteous redemption.

Hymn of Praise: “Come Thou Almighty King” #8 (*stand if able*)

Minute for Mission-One Great Hour of Sharing

(Deacons will collect the mission giving)

Call to Confession:

Lord, we come to you a broken people-even though we came from Your hand-our perfect God. Our ability to choose leads us sometimes in a direction that not only hurts ourselves and others, but You, too. When we disobey Your law, we know we are deserving of Your just punishment; and yet we continue to disobey. Because of this, we ask Your undeserved forgiveness, seeking your grace and mercy in the name of all that is good. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

ALL: Heavenly Father, it is because You created us and love us that You extend a continuous line of mercy towards us. We know You could give up on us but Your tender and just heart keeps gathering us back into Your fold time after time. You remove our sins from us instead of just overlooking them. Help us to be reminded of the power of Your merciful love, which transcends all of time and understanding, and which was shown to us from the cross of Your Son. Thank you for loving us. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination:

Heavenly Father, as we hear the words You want us to hear, please open our hearts and minds to what You are trying to say to us. Keep us always mindful that we cannot bring Your word to the world if we don't first hear it and reflect upon it. Help us come to the mountainside of your preaching to hear what You would tell us if you walked among us in person today. Amen.

Gloria Patri: # 812

Special Music

Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37: 12-14

New Testament: Romans 8: 8-11

Hymn: “Only Trust Him” #480

Gospel: John 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Sermon: “If Only”

Affirmation of Faith: (From The Brief Statement of Faith)

ALL: WE believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called and live according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all of a creation-will be able to separate us from the powerful and perfect love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Offertory:

Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering

Prayers: Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving (From our Reformed Heritage)

L: The Lord had done great things for us!

C: The lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced!

L: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy—

C: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy!

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #43 (*stand if able*)

MINISTRY LEADERS

Worship Leader: Karen Schwaller

Worship Music: Denise Lev

+ All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

03/19/2023 Attendance- Regular Offering- \$510

***Reminder: Per Capita for 2023 is \$48.00** 2023 Paid: 13



From our Presbytery: Please pray for First Presbyterian Church of Odebolt.

If you have Pastoral Needs, please call the Office 712-832-3401

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 – 11:00 am

Church Secretary Jeanie Hawn (712) 330-7454

Birthdays to Remember this week:

TODAY-Lyla Akkerman

March 28-Brodie Boles

March 31- Lynette Ehret

April 1-Brady Nissen

LENTEN SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday Service April, 6th.

Beef stew will be served at 5:00. Rev. Sara Sutter from Lakeshore at Okoboji will be here to preside over the service immediately following the meal. Communion will be served.

Good Friday Service April 7th.

We are hosting jointly with LPUMC and HMC. Rev. Sedar Shako will lead the service beginning at 6:00.

Easter Sunrise Service April 9th

A sunrise service will be held at LPUMC.

A DAY OF PRAYER

The board of session has set aside Thursday April 6th as a day of prayer for our church. A day of continual prayers, meditation, reflection about the future of our church and our congregation, the direction in which God is calling us, how we move forward. The church will be open starting at 8:00 am, please come and pray for our church.



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY Due to April 6th being Maundy Thursday, the Mobile Food Pantry for April has been moved to Thursday, April 13th. 4:30-6:30. Be sure to **Thank a H-LP FFA** member for their efforts in raising and donating over 800 lbs. of food to be distributed through our Mobile Food Pantry.



"CELEBRATING SABBATH" Bible study

Start date has been pushed back until after Easter with the study being held on either a Monday or Friday. Please contact the office if you are interested in this bible study.