

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org Worship Service 10:30 am
May 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Musical Prelude – Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 31: 1-16 (*read responsively, stand if able*)

L: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness

C: Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

L: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name
lead and guide me.

C: Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

L: Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me O Lord, the God of truth.

C: I hate those who cling to worthless idols; I trust in the Lord.

L: I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and
knew the anguish of my soul.

C: You have not handed me over to the enemy but have set my feet in a spacious place.

L: Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak
with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief.

C: My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, my bones grow weak.

L: Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors;
I am a dread to my friends-those who see me on the street flee from me.

C: I am forgotten by them as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery.

L: For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side; they
conspire against me and plot to take my life.

C: But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

L: My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from
those who pursue me.

C: Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: "The Solid Rock" #526 (*remain standing*)

Call to Confession: (*remain standing if able*)

L: No one is lost to God. All are welcome to witness and receive God's
saving grace. Let us confess our sins before our Savior.

Prayer of Confession:

ALL: You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fears and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

L: Christ has transformed us. Christ has renewed us. Through Christ's
death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's
glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Amen

Gloria Patri: # 812

Special Music

Reading of Scriptures

First Reading: Acts 7: 55-60 (Page #1704)

Second Reading: I Peter 2: 2-10 (Page #1888)

Hymn: "Victory in Jesus" #353

Gospel Lesson: John 14: 1-14 (Page #1675-1676)

Sermon: "Jesus The Foundation "

Affirmation of Faith:

ALL: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for

blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Call for the offering: (Leader)

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.

Offertory: Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering (Leader)

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (Psalm 100:1-4) (read responsively)

L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

C: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and praise His name. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" # 676 (stand if able)

MINISTRY LEADERS

Worship Music: Denise Lev **Worship Leader:** Al Grigg
+ All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

4/30/23 - Attendance: 28 Regular Offering: \$535
Pentecost Offering: \$81.00
Baked Potato Bar: \$408

***Reminder: Per Capita for 2023 is \$48.00 2023 Paid: 20**



From our Presbytery: Please pray for First United in Ringsted, Rev. Suzanne Wobig.

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

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

THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 8-Bible Study 12:30 in the Fireside Room.

Wednesday, May 10- PW 2:00 in the Fireside Room.

PENTECOST April 10- May 28, 2023

As one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church, the Pentecost offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church of the world.

Your giving to this mission will be gladly accepted until Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023.



Thank you doesn't seem to be enough-but with everyone's efforts our Baked Potato Meal was a huge success!! The toppings were gone and we had one potato left!! For our efforts, we raised \$408 and had some wonderful fellowship with many people from our community.



As part of our Wider Church mission, the Mobile Food Pantry for May distributed food to 62 families, serving a total of 129 people.

