

# First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org    Worship Service 10:30 am  
July 16, 2023            7th Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude – Time to prepare your heart for Worship

## Announcements

### Call to Worship

L: The very word of God is a light to our feet,

**C: a lamp to our path.**

L: We gather this day to hear the Word of God,

**C: to offer prayers and sing songs of praise.**

L: We gather this day,

**C: to worship God!**

Hymn of Praise: #225 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

### Call to Confession (Leader)

To know God is to know of God's mercy, justice, and love. To know God is to also know ourselves, and we are a people who have not loved as much as we should, always showed mercy, or worked for justice. So let us offer our prayer of confession, knowing that out of God's great mercy, we will be forgiven and made new.

### Prayer of Confession

**ALL: Gracious and loving God, we are a people who are always concerned about ourselves. We worry about what is ours and are concerned with getting more. We have not been guided by your Spirit or the teachings of Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and gently guide us back to your way. Help us to think of others and sharing what we have with the world. Amen**

### Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! Know you are forgiven, and be at peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Gloria Patri: # 812

## Special Music

### Prayer for Illumination (Leader)

L: In the reading of your Word, may we be given light to see. May your word rest in our hearts and minds and in so doing, transform us into your faithful people. Amen.

### Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11    Page #1149

New Testament Reading: Romans 8: 18-23    Page #1757

Hymn: #184 "Thy Word" (remain seated)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13: 1-17    Page #1516

## Sermon

Affirmation of Faith (from A Declaration of Faith)

**ALL: We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. We acknowledge no other God. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. We praise and enjoy God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom. Amen**

### Call for the Offering (Leader)

As Christ has been generous with us, to the point of death on the cross, let us be generous too. Let us give a part of what we have to God's work in the world. Let us give our offering.

### Offertory

Doxology #815

### Prayer for Tithes and Offering (Leader)

Gracious God, thank you for these gifts given this day and for the many gifts of our lives. May they be used ever and only to glorify you. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

L: Almighty God, from whom comes all good gifts, we remember your loving kindness and your unlimited mercy as we join in grateful thanks and praise.

**C: For all your gifts to us and the opportunity to use them in your service, we offer thanks, O God.**

L: For the gift of Jesus Christ, and for the gift of the inspiration and presence of the Holy Spirit, we offer thanks, O God.

**C: For the gifts of faith which gives us courage and grace that gives us peace, we offer thanks, O God.**

**ALL: We praise you here with our voices, send us out now to praise you with our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.**

Benediction

May we each go out to love and care, to find the Spirit's leading and join in its work and to bless the world as we have been so richly blessed. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, Amen.

Closing Hymn: #11 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (stand if able)

**MINISTRY LEADERS**

**Worship Music:** Denise Lev & Lisa Joynt

**Worship Leader:** Karen Schwaller

+ All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

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7/2/2023 - Attendance: 27 Regular Offering: \$700

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



**From our Presbytery:** Please pray for United Presbyterian in Denison.

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

**THIS WEEK**

**Birthdays!!**

**TODAY!-Marlo Jansen**

**Anniversaries!!**

**July 19-Andy & Connie Clark**

**Activities!**

**Monday, July 17**-Bible Study 12:30

Newsletter Deadline

**Our Church Library**

The church library is slowly taking shape and old books are being sorted and moved.

With donations from our congregation and others in the community, we have a nice selection of Christian Fiction books from authors:

- Jan Karon (Mitford series)
- Mitch Albom
- Nathan Jorgenson (Must read)
- Suzanne Woods Fisher
- Dee Henderson (Suspense)
- Jeanette Oake



We will continue to sort and move books and we are still looking for more books to fill the shelves.

