

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org Worship Service 10:30 am
April 7 2024 2nd Sunday of Easter

Call to Worship (Psalm 133) Read in Unison

**How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!
It is like a precious oil poured on the head, running down on the
beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of
his robes.**

**It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.**

Hymn of Praise: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #426 (stand if able)

Call to Confession:

When we stand at the baptismal font and confess our sins we are not doing so as lost, guilty and ambiguous human beings who are not sure of our standing before God. We do not come groveling, but we come confident as those who are no longer dead in our trespasses but who are already alive in Jesus Christ. Without God's grace, we would not even know we are sinners. So we confess together:

Prayer of confession

O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside.

Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent.

Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

You are already forgiven, loved and whole. In Christ, you are a fully flourishing human being; go live like it. In the Spirit, you are not an isolated spiritual being, doing Christianity alone, but you are part of a community of faith; go build that. By the grace of God, every human being is seen, loved, and made whole; go practice that. Amen.

Prayer for illumination

Divine Redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts us and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

Gloria Patri: # 812

Special Music

Reading of Scriptures

1st Reading Acts 4:32-35 Page #1697

2nd Reading 1 John 1:1-2 Page #1898

Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God " #393

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31 Pages #1684-1685

Sermon: "Jesus is Risen, Now What?"

Affirmation of Faith:

L: What do you affirm when you say that he was "crucified, dead, and buried"?

C: That when our Lord passed through the door of real human death, he showed us that there is no sorrow that he has not known, no grief he has not borne, and no price he was unwilling to pay in order to reconcile us to God.

L: What do you affirm when you say that "on the third day he rose again from the dead"?

C: That our Lord could not be held by the power of death. Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers, triumphant from the grave, in a new, exalted kind of life. In showing them his hands and his feet, the one who was crucified revealed himself to them as the Lord and Savior of the world.

Call for the offering

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Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of dedication

Prayers: Sharing of Joys and Concerns;

Benediction

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