

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org Worship Service 10:30 am
April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday

Prelude

Call to Worship: "Psalm 118" (*read responsively*)

L: In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting me free. The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? The Lord is with me; he is my helper. I will look in triumph on my enemies.

C: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. All the nation surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I cut them off. They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the Lord I cut them off. They swarmed around me like bees, but they died out as quickly as burning thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off.

L: I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

C: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "the Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things"

L: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. The lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

C: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

L: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand join the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

L: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Hymn of Praise: "Christ Arose" #357 (*stand if able*)

Call to Confession:

L: The joy this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

Prayer of Confession:

ALL: Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgement of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

Gloria Patri: # 812

Special Music

Reading of Scriptures

First Reading: Acts 10: 34-43 Page 1710

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4 Page 1834

Hymn: "He Lives" #368

Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10 Pages 1549-1560

Sermon: "Jesus Lives"

Call for the offering:

L: Give thanks to God for God is good. Let us gratefully give of our offerings to the glory of God and in praise of Christ's resurrecting ministry.

Offering

Doxology #815

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving (From our Reformed Heritage)

L: It is easy, Lord, to mouth the words and say "I Love You" but to not practice what that means. When we see true love, the extent to which a lover will go for their beloved, to vault mountains and dive into waves, we know that our ideas of love are often self-seeking and paltry. When we consider your love, the love of the cross, the descent into hell, and the forgiveness you extend even to those of us who betray you, we know our love is cheap and empty by comparison.

C: Teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to truly love our neighbors as ourselves. Teach us to forgive as you have forgiven. Teach us to live our love and shower others with yours as it flows through us. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "In the Garden" #635 (stand if able)

MINISTRY LEADERS

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

04/02 Attendance: 24 Offering: \$611

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: \$170

04/06 Maundy Thursday Attendance: 18

04/07 Good Friday Service Attendance: 31

*Reminder: Per Capita for 2023 is \$48.00 2023 Paid: 14



From our Presbytery: Please pray for Westminster of
Ida Grove, CRE Shari O'Bannon

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

THIS WEEK:

Birthdays:

TODAY: Jesse Ray

Monday, April 10

The church office will be closed
Monday, April 10th. It will open at
3:00 Monday afternoon.

4:30 Finance Meeting

5:00 Regular Session Meeting



Wednesday, April 12

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Thursday, April 13,

Mobile Food Pantry 4:30-
6:30



**Bible Study "Celebrating Sabbath" will begin Monday, April 17th
at 12:30 in the Fireside Room.**

