

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org Worship Service 10:30 am
June 25, 2023 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude – Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 86: 1-12

L: Hear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

C: Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.

L: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long.

C: Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

L: You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.

C: Hear my prayer, O Lord, listen to my cry for mercy.

L: In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.

C: Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

L: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name.

C: For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

L: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

C: I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

Hymn of Praise: #209 "This Is The Day" (remain standing)

Call to Confession (Leader)

Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us prepare our hearts through the confession of our individual and collective sins.

Prayer of Confession

ALL: You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear 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. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri: # 812

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination (Leader)

L: Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

Reading of Scriptures

First Lesson: Genesis 21: 8-21 Pages #29-30

Second Lesson: Romans 6: 1-11 Page #1754

Hymn: #591 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (remain seated)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10: 24-39 Pages #1511-1512

Sermon: "Confession"

Affirmation of Faith

All: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Call for the Offering (Leader) Hebrews 13:16

Do good and share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Offertory

Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering

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

God of summer, This world is yours and we live according to your abundance. Wherever we wander during these June days – road trips to the beach, family camping trips, visiting friends and relatives – watch over our travels. May we reach our destinations safely and make our journeys with wonder at the blessings bestowed upon us by your amazing grace. As we kneel in the dirt of our gardens, pulling the unwanted weeds, pruning the untamed overgrowth, may our harvest be plentiful and the smell of soil, air and sun spark joy. You give us enough to share, Holy God. Remind us of those who don't have enough and our ability to make a difference in their lives. The heat and humidity can be oppressive, God. Perfect weather for those with access to a swimming pool. So we pray for those without access or excess. We pray for people without cool places of respite and refuge. We pray for those whose lives are threatened by the heat. We pray for the poor and impoverished of this country, as well as around the world. May we find ways to shelter and nurture all your children, Holy God. Hear our thanks and praise for the blessings of this summer. Hear, also, our prayers for those who are struggling. Especially, we pray for: • The people of warring countries • Those who groan with grief • Those who are isolated and alone • Those who are sick and their caregivers • Those who are overwhelmed and exhausted • Those who – for whatever reason – cannot enjoy the blessings of summer. In your mercy, Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people. Now, as the Body of Christ, we pray as Christ taught us,

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

L: Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us, shape us, send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

Benediction

God, bless us. Jesus, walk with us. Holy Spirit, guide us.

As we leave this house of worship may the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and always. Amen.

Closing Hymn: #705 "It Is Well With My Soul" (stand if able)

MINISTRY LEADERS

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

6/18/23 - Attendance: 21 Regular Offering: \$208
Special Offering-Camp Support: \$33

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



From our Presbytery: Please pray for First Presbyterian in Alta-Pastor Denise Parrello

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

THIS WEEK

Birthdays!!

Monday, June 26- Mark Byers

Wednesday, June 28- Cora Hopkins, Kris Louscher

Friday, June 30-Dylan Tuinstra

Monday, June 26- Bible Study 12:30 Fireside Room

