

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org Worship Service 10:30 am
July 23, 2023 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude – Time to prepare your heart for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship

L: God's Spirit gathers us

C: We are not alone

L: God's Spirit calls us

C: We are to discern together God's will

L: God's Spirit sends us

C: We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior

Hymn of Praise: #502 "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" (stand if able)

Call to Confession (Leader) (1 John 1:8)

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Sin is our stumbling block before God. Repentance clears our path to hear and receive God's truth. Let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

C: Master Gardener, weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is evil and against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest. Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to you. Amen

Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to shine like the sun to the glory of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Gloria Patri: # 812

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination (Leader)

Illumine us, O God. Bless us with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Guide us and inspire us in this moment of proclamation. Amen.

Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament Reading:

New Testament Reading:

Hymn: #349 "O How He Loves You and Me" (remain seated)

Gospel Lesson:

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for the Offering (Leader)

God dwells among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

Offertory

Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering (Leader)

Grateful for your radical hospitality and steadfast love we present these gifts to you, God. Use them to further your will and transform our world into your new, redeemed creation. Amen

Prayers of Joys and Concerns (Leader)

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.

C: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

L/ He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

C: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

L: The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

C: Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp.

L: He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

C: He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.

L: His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;

C: the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Benediction

God's Spirit sends us. We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior. May the nourishment of God's Word, the bond of Christian community, and the guidance of God's Holy Spirit fortify us for faithful lives of discipleship. Amen

Closing Hymn: #690 "He Leadeth Me" (stand if able)

MINISTRY LEADERS

Worship Music: Marian Tuinstra

Worship Leader: Aileen Turner

+ All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

7/16/2023 - Attendance: 19 Regular Offering: \$221.00

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



From our Presbytery: Please pray for Lakeshore Center @Okoboji:

Rev. Sarah Sutter, Serena Lynch-Program Director, Steve Sutter-Office Manager, Rev. John Hannah-Maintenance.

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

THIS WEEK

Birthdays!!

TODAY!-Lee Marki

July 28-Ken Byers

Activities!

Monday, July 24-Bible Study 12:30

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.

