

First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org Worship Service 10:30 am
August 6, 2023 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude – Time to prepare your heart for Worship.

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 17: 1-7, 15 (*Read responsively*)

L: Hear, O Lord, my righteous plea; listen to my cry. Give ear to my prayer—it does not rise from deceitful lips.

C: May my vindication come from you; may your eyes see what is right.

L: Though you prove my heart and examine me at night, though you test me, you will find nothing; I have resolved that my mouth will not sin.

C: As for the deeds of men—by the word of your lips I have kept myself from the ways of the violent.

L: My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

C: I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.

L: Show the wonder of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes.

C: And I—in righteousness I will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

Hymn of Praise #630 *“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”* (stand if able)

Call to Confession (*Leader*) (*remain standing if able*)

In this world of multiple pandemics and the promotion of individualism, there are many claims on our lives. In this moment, we remember the nature of our baptism, rooted in God’s grace. We acknowledge before God and one another that we have not followed the model set before us in Jesus Christ. With every confidence in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (*Unison, remain standing if able*)

ALL: O Lord our God, you call us to love our neighbor as ourself, ensuring that all will be fed and have dignity. But in our own

distractions, we are blinded by our selfish desires. We are sick and have turned away those who are hungry and crying out for your help. We have forgotten to trust you with our hearts, to multiply it with your great power. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your abundance and grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*Leader*) (*Read Responsively*)

Hear the good news! The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all, and compassionate toward all of creation. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Gloria Patri: # 812

Special Music

Prayer for Illumination (*Leader*)

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your divine mouth, make us hunger for heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Reading of Scriptures

First Lesson: Genesis 32: 22-31 Page #53

Second Lesson: Romans 9: 1-5 Page #1758

Hymn: #429 *“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11: 12-19, 25-30 Pages #1513-1514

Sermon: “Is Jesus the One?”

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and

sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Call for the Offering (Leader) (2 Corinthians 9:7)

God loves a cheerful giver. Let us give with an open heart in order that God would bless and multiply it according to our needs. May we present our offerings to God.

Offertory

Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering (Leader)

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Joys and Concerns (Leader)

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving

L: God of Jeremiah, we know that it is not for a man to direct his own steps. Father God of Jesus, we come to you and place our paths into your hands. Let the lightning of your glory strike through the clouds and disclose to us your plan and your path as light into darkness.

C: Put an end to our infinite confusion, our never ending stumbling, our unprincipled society, our church without community, our Christianity without living the Christian Life! Speak unto us as you spoke into the cloud at the transfiguring of the One you sent and push us along the paths you have laid out. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn #730 "Stand Up, Stand Up, For Jesus" (stand if able)

MINISTRY LEADERS

Worship Music: Denise Lev

Worship Leader: Al Grigg

+ All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

7/30/2023 - Attendance: 27 Regular Offering: \$1408.65

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



From our Presbytery: Please pray for First Presbyterian, Cleghorn.

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

THIS WEEK

Birthdays!!

August 11-Kurt Anderson

Dick McClain

August 12-Marcia Schumacher

Anniversaries!

TODAY!-Art & Marcia Schumacher

August 9- Mike & Tami Ehret

August 11-Dick & Loretta McClain

Activities!

Wednesday, August 9-PW @ 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 13-Trinity Lutheran Church Sioux Valley

Annual Roast Beef Dinner

Serving 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

REMINDER!!! Sunday August 20th there will be **NO** Sunday worship service here at the church. Everyone is invited to attend worship at Lakeshore Center of Okoboji (Presbyterian Camp). The service begins at 10:00 am. Contact the office to car pool. We will have a lunch after the service (bring your own), side dishes and dessert will be provided.

