

# First Presbyterian Church - Lake Park, Iowa

www.fpclakepark.org    Worship Service 10:30 am  
August 13, 2023    11th Sunday after Pentecost

Musical Prelude – Time to prepare your heart for Worship

## Announcements

Call to Worship (from Psalm 2)

L: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

**C: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?**

L: These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

**C: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.**

L: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

**C: Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.**

Hymn of Praise #225 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (stand if able)

Call to Confession (Leader)

In the presence of almighty God and before one another, let us confess our sin and the things that hinder us in leading faithful lives as God's people.

Prayer of Confession (Based on Psalm 69:1-3; Matthew 14; Hebrews 12:1-2) (Unison, remain standing if able)

**Save us, O God, for the waters have come up to our necks. We sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; we have come into deep waters, and the floods sweep over us. We are weary; our throats are parched. Our eyes grow dim with waiting for our God. Gracious God, forgive us for taking our eyes off Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

**When the storms of life swirl around us, we forget your unfailing goodness and power to save us. When we hear Jesus say, "Come," we make excuses about why it is too hard to follow him, especially**

**when the way seems dangerous and challenging. Forgive our sins, Lord, and help us to step out in faith. Be merciful to us when we cry out, "We believe; help our unbelief!" In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Leader) (from "How Firm a Foundation")

Hear these words of assurance: "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow. For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress." Friends, hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri: # 812

## Special Music

Prayer for Illumination (Leader)

How firm a foundation is laid for our faith in your excellent Word, O Lord! As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may our faith be strengthened that we may step out in faith and follow our Lord Jesus where he leads us. Amen.

Reading of Scriptures

First Lesson: I Kings 19: 9 11-13 Pages #559-560 (seeking out God)

Second Lesson: Romans 9: 1-5 Page #1758 (Paul encourages everyone to get on board with Jesus)

Hymn: #693 "A Shelter in the Time of Storm"

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14: 22-33 Pages #1520-1521 (walking on water)

Sermon: "Faith Like a Rock"

Affirmation of Faith (from A Declaration of Faith)

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our**

**confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

Call for the Offering (Leader)

In grateful response to all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ, let us continue our worship as we present our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

Doxology #815

Prayer for Tithes and Offering (Leader)

Lord Jesus, you call us to follow you in faith and promise to provide us everything we need for ministry in your name. Bless these gifts we bring, that we may use them faithfully to share the good news of your love and mercy. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of Joys and Concerns (Leader)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Psalm 147:2-11)

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. Amen.**

Benediction (1 Peter 2:5)

Come to him, a living stone, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

Closing Hymn #232 "God Be With You" (stand if able)

### **MINISTRY LEADERS**

**Worship Music:** Denise Lev

**Worship Leader:** Karen Schwaller

+ All members are ministers of Jesus Christ +

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8/06/2023 - Attendance: 25 Regular Offering: \$987.00  
**\*Reminder: Per Capita for 2023 is \$48.00** 2023 Paid: 20



**From our Presbytery:** Please pray First Presbyterian, Sac City-Rev. Missy Erickson.

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

**TODAY!!**-Trinity Lutheran Church Sioux Valley-Annual Roast Beef Dinner...serving 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Birthdays this week and next!!**

**Sunday, August 20**-Lori Eggers, Shelli Nissen

**REMINDER!!! NO SERVICE Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> at the church.**

We are attending worship at Lakeshore Center of Okoboji (Presbyterian Camp). The service begins at 10:00 am. Contact the office to car pool or be at the church no later than 9:15 a.m. We will have a lunch after the service (bring your own), side dishes and dessert will be provided.

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**-Service will include Russ Eckard and his whole band!! Tell your friends.

