

Mother's Day/Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 13, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision"

Julia Prouty

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

L: We've come to worship God,

P: who loved us before we were yet born,

L: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

P: whose presence never leaves us,

L: and whose love for us never ceases.

P: This is our God.

All: Let's worship together!

Prayer of Invocation

O God of Love, all other loves excelling, we are privileged to be Your eternal family, to be children of such a parent, loving us so perfectly. On this beautiful Mother's Day morning we come to You celebrating the gift of family. We see Your glory and Your wisdom in the diversity of that gift—a diversity that has always existed. We pray for small families like Elizabeth and Zechariah and their precious only son, John, and for large families like Jacob's, with his twelve sons. We ask Your blessing on multigenerational families like Timothy's, whose mother and grandmother raised him in the faith. Bless single person families like Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus. We pray especially for broken families like King David's. And for those like Ruth and Naomi who came through the pain of loss to establish new family ties. We see in Your Holy Word and in our unholy world all kinds of families with every sort of challenge, joy, failure, and pain. You haven't given up on families, Lord, so help us to support them in all their shapes and situations. Families are not perfect places, Lord, no matter how hard we try, because we are imperfect people. We need Your kind of love for each other. We need Your kind of clean-slate forgiveness for each other and that's hard. There are folks whose greatest hurts were family blows, who just can't imagine forgiving or forgetting. We come together to ask You to be healing damaged relationships and painful memories. Show us how to deal with our grief and regrets and anger. Make us grateful when we have been parented wisely and well. Remind us all that we always have You and this covenant family, a home away from home. You are like a mother who will not abandon the child in her arms, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home. For You are love, and when we love, we are like You. Lord, we would reflect the love to our earthly family and to Your eternal family and to Your whole precious creation which You loved enough to send Your only Son to save. Greater love has no one. And it is to You and in His dear name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

*Share the Peace of Christ with One Another

(Members and guests, please pass the attendance pad from left to right)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 1

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Moment for Children

Rev. Scott Prouty

Anthem

"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"

Chancel Choir

Scripture Lesson

Luke 9:23-25

Sermon

*Hymn #749

"Come! Live in the Light!"

The Reaffirmation of Faith: Maria Alexander, Julie Fiala, Karen Speros

Presentation: Ruling Elder Adrienne Danielson

Renunciation and Affirmation

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

The Blessing

O Lord, uphold _____ by Your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in her Your gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your presence, both now and forever.

The candidate answers: Amen.

Hymn #724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Give Thanks To God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn #606

*Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, You are the vine grower and we belong to You. Thank You for carefully tending us, especially in difficult times. You provide what we need in order to grow as disciples of Jesus. Help us to abide in Him, the true vine. May these offerings and our lives bear much fruit and bring glory to You. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn #840

"It is Well with My Soul"

*Benediction

Choral Benediction/Postlude

(*) Asterisk signifies to please stand if you are able.

Ushers for May: Gary Hindt, Greg Dording, Stephen Dording, Kim McKay,
Tom & Barb Stough, Julie Reinstra, Brady Stough

June Communion Servers: Richard Aakre, Leon & Sharon King, Joyce McKay, Gerry Patten, Dorie Oja

Greeting You Today: Deacon of the Month: Dan Tiffany, Kyle & Stacie Hicks, Brent Prouty

Our Televised Worship Services ~ Tune in to NU-Telecom - channel 3, and Media-com - channel 8, on Mondays at 10 am, and Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Piecemakers are Celebrating... To celebrate the 15 year anniversary of the Piecemakers, they are raffling off the beautiful blue quilt in the Narthex. Chances (\$1) are available for purchase from Char, Marlys or the church office. The winner will be announced May 20!

Welcome Reception ~ The flowers on the worship center are in honor of our three newest members. There will be a welcoming reception in the Narthex for Karen, Julie and Maria following worship.

Gordon Alexander ~ Gordon is turning 90 on June 2! If you wish to send him birthday wishes, you can do so at Gordon Alexander/Parkview Home 102 CSAH 9, Belview, MN 56214.

Special Mission Meeting ~ On Wednesday, May 23, at 7 pm, everyone is invited to church to hear Rhonda Kruse speak about Mission in the Presbyterian Church USA. We will meet in the Youth Chapel. Everyone is welcome! ~ Pastor Scott

VBS ~ Mark your calendars - VBS will be **June 10-14**. There are registration forms in the Narthex or speak with Connie Bentson. We are also looking for volunteers!

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is: God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.



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Thank You ~ The members of the Mission Service Team–Costa Rica would like to thank our church family for its generous financial support these past months. We were happy to sponsor “An Evening in Italy”, an Easter breakfast and a rummage & bake sale and were appreciative of all who attended and participated in our fundraising events. We are also grateful for the matching funds donation from the Presbyterian Men’s Turkey Supper group. We are very close to attaining our goal of raising \$6,500 to fund the costs of our upcoming mission trip in late July! We have one more opportunity for people to contribute. We received a Thrivent Action Team Grant to purchase medical supplies for the health staff at the Roblealto Bible Home. We were able to buy \$250 worth of needed items at cost through a medical supplier which was great! We did not purchase toothbrushes, toothbrush cases or band-aids with the grant money, but they are needed as well. Look for a box to collect in the Narthex to collect those items over the several weeks. Again, thank you, for helping make this mission trip experience become a reality for people in our congregation and in our community. Please keep the team in your prayers as we continue to prepare for our time together serving the children and families at Roblealto. The experience will be life changing for all involved. God is good and so are ALL of you!

Pray For The Following:

Pray for expecting parents of our Church Family: Michelle (Stephens) & Scott Johanneck (Quadruplets)

Pray for the unchurched and lonely.

Pray for people living in our communities, the disenfranchised and people in other countries.

Pray for those who are having financial or marital difficulties.

Pray for those grieving the loss of a loved one.

Pray for those seeking employment.

Pray for our leaders at the city, county, state and national level and all military personnel.

Pray for those in need of food, medicine and shelter.

Pray for our church leaders and teachers.

Pray for our local, national, world political leaders.

Birthdays: 15th - Tim Davis, 18th - Joyce Goodyear, Larry Wessels

Anniversaries: 19th - Bruce & Ann Tiffany

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities:

Muriel Moon, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval, Darlene Garrison

All Those Fighting Cancer: Tom Umscheid (Pam Prouty’s cousin’s husband),

Kathy Tiffany (Glen Tiffany’s wife/Donna Potter’s sister-in-law)

Pray for all those fighting other diseases:

Shellie Mammen (lupus), Corrine Gertsema (multiple sclerosis)

If you know of something/someone to add to the Prayer List, please contact the church office.

“Worldly possessions tend to turn the hearts of the disciples away from Jesus. What are we really devoted to? That is the question. Are our hearts set on earthly goods? Do we try to combine devotion to them with loyalty to Christ? Or are we devoted exclusively to him?”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Meals on Wheels ~ Our church is in charge of Meals on Wheels deliveries for the second half of June. This is a great opportunity for families that are unable to help out in the fall. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Book Discussion ~ We are having a book discussion on **Sunday, June 3**, at 7 pm, in the Parlor to discuss the book “Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I’ve Loved” by Kate Bowler. Get a copy of this great book and come to discuss! If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Pamela Prouty.

Graduation Parties

Maddie: Friday, May 18, 5-8 pm, RACC

Travis: Saturday, May 19, 11am-2pm, RACC

Amanda: Saturday, May 19, 12-4 pm, 209 W 4th St, Morton

Jonathon: Saturday, May 19, 2-5 pm, Redwood Falls American Legion

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 13: 8:45 am: Breakfast/Sunday School (**Last Sunday**)

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags

Monday, May 14: Noon: Pastor - Rotary

3:00 pm: Pastor - Conference Call

Tuesday, May 15: 4:30-6:00 pm: Ruby’s Pantry

Wednesday, May 16: 9:00 am: Piecemakers

1:30 pm: Dorcas Circle - Rosemary Bennett’s home

7:00 pm: Session Meeting

Thursday, May 17: Noon: Pastor visits Jeanette Kotval

Sunday, May 20: 9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship - Holy Baptism

Afternoon: Pastor - Worship at Sunwood