

Trinity Sunday - May 27, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Bringing Forward of Flags

*Hymn (Insert)

"God Bless America" (Sing three times)

Elaine Hagen, Organist

*Pledge to American Flag

*Pledge to Christian Flag

*Pledge to Holy Bible

Call to Worship

L: In a world filled with violence and war,

P: we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

L: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

P: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

L: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

P: we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

L: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

Prayer of Invocation

God of ages past and hope to come, we offer our gratitude for those who have gone before, we offer our hope for those yet to come. As we honor the past, help us dream of a future of love and peace. Comfort us in our sorrow. Strengthen us for the journey. Guide us on the path of justice. Help us live as Your people, that others may see and remember Your wisdom and truth living in us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #337

"My Country Tis of Thee"

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to Your commandments. Empower us to work for Your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by Your grace into Your Kingdom in the next. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Morning by morning new mercies we see. Day by day, we know that God is continuing to do a new thing in our lives, to call us to the path of righteousness, to lead us beside the still waters. We are renewed and restored, forgiven and reconciled. Let us share the Good News. Amen.

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

***Share the Peace of Christ with One Another**

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

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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Moment for Children

Gospel Lesson

John 15:13

Sermon

Rev. Pamela Prouty

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

Honor our Veterans

*Hymn #338

"O Beautiful For Spacious Skies"

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks To God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

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*Doxology Hymn #606

***Offertory Prayer**

Holy God, You call us to be made holy, to be made in Your image. We trust in Your generosity, and so are free to be generous ourselves, opening our hearts and our wallets freely, giving to the work of Your church in our world. Bless these gifts and us to Your service. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Hymn #8

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

Elaine Hagen, Organist

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

Greeting You Today: Deacon of the Month: Dan Tiffany, Bob & Sonya Alexander, Dan & Maria Alexander

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

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.

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.

PLEDGE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

PLEDGE TO THE BIBLE

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America,
Land that I love.

Stand beside her and guide her,
Through the night with a light from above.

From the mountains to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam.

God bless America, my home sweet home,
God bless America, my home sweet home.

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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Ministers: The members of the congregation

Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty



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Bags ~ Ruby's is in need of NEW gallon sized or larger zipper bags for their distribution. If you would be willing to donate boxes of bags, please leave them on the counter in the kitchen and Lindsey will pick them up! Thank you in advance!

Costa Rica Mission Trip ~ 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!

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.

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.

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!

Urban Plunge ~ Dear Congregation, We plan on doing an Urban Plunge trip to Omaha in mid-November again this year. We decided we would start collecting supplies earlier this year for our hygiene kits and other gifts that we will bring to Nebraska to give to homeless people. We need bars of soap. If you see them on sale at a store or if you are staying in a hotel and don't use the soap, please bring them to the church. We also need travel size containers of shampoo and conditioners. (Once again hotel sizes are perfect.) We need razors (try to avoid the cheap Bic ones, no one likes them, even the homeless), wash cloths, lotion, dental floss, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, combs, shaving cream, fingernail clippers, toenail clippers, and mouthwash. You can start bringing these items to the church now. There will be a box in the narthex. As far as clothing is concerned, we need new winter socks, scarves, mittens, gloves, coats, blankets, boots, caps, and hats. We can take items for men, women and children. If you have any used winter coats in excellent condition, working zipper, etc. that would be great, too. We would prefer if you started bringing clothing items to church in October (for the sake of storage) to the Pastor's Office. Thank you for helping with this project. Jesus said, "*Whenever you helped the least of my people you helped me.*" ~ Pastor Scott Prouty

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: 22nd - Dan Fuhr, Jim Palmer, Grace Caraway, 23rd - Emily Norgaard

Anniversaries: Today - Dave & Corrine Gertsema, 25th - Curt & Claire Meyers

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

No More Friendship Dinners ~ We have decided to stop having our Friendship Dinners after 14 years and two months. We have served around 18,000 meals in that period of time. We provided food to people in need and a place for fellowship for many lonely people. Thanks to all those that served faithfully and joyfully and those that generously donated food or money for the meals. ~ Pastor Scott

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 27: 10:15 am: Worship

Monday, May 28: **Church Office Closed - Memorial Day**

Sunday, June 3: 10:15 am: Worship - Holy Communion