

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - July 29, 2018 ~ 10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Hymns chosen by Congregation

Call to Worship

L: O Lord, open our lips,

P: and our mouth will proclaim Your praise.

L: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to Your name, O Most High,

P: to proclaim Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night.

L: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

P: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

Prayer of Invocation

God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: be with Your servants as we sing Your praises today, that with joy we on earth may glimpse Your beauty; and bring us to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection which will be ours as we stand before Your unveiled glory. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Music

"It is Well" Trumpet solo by Paul Hagen

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

L: Lord, You have called us to worship You. We gladly gather! As we praise You, though, our own inadequacy reminds us of how we have broken our relationship with You. Because we have sinned against You, even our worship fails to be what it could. We often treat it as a show. We simply go through motions, failing to recognize that You want to engage us deeply.

P: Renew us, we pray, according to Your steadfast love. Remind us of Your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: Receive the good news of the Gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!

***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

Moment for Children

Psalms 98:1-7

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Adrienne Danielson

Scripture Lesson

Sermon in Music

Colossians 3:16

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"Church History in Poetry and Music"

Hymn #108

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Karen Speros

Hymn #450

"Be Thou My Vision" (vs 1,4)

Hymn #45

"I To the Hills Will Lift My Eyes" (vs 1,4)

Hymn #32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (vs 1)

Hymn #366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vs 1)

Hymn #634

"To God Be the Glory" (vs 1,2)

Hymn #839

"Blessed Assurance" (vs 1,3)

Hymn #215

"What Wondrous Love is This" Peggy Dolezal

Hymn #223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vs 1,4)

Hymn #127

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Jesus the Light of the World"

Hymn #52

"Go Down Moses"

Hymn #825

"Swing Low"

Hymn #250

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks To God

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

***Doxology** *Hymn #606*

*Offertory Prayer

Giver of all good things, let Your grace flow through us; a generous stream, unstoppable, refreshing, abundant. We release these gifts into Your river of love, flowing out to all the world. Amen.

Go in God's Name

*Benediction: Hymn #306 "*Blest be the Tie*" (vs 1)

Postlude

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

Ushers for July: Merlin Goudy, Diane Davis, Tim & Lois Davis, Bruce & Ann Tiffany, Dan Tiffany, John Tiffany

Greeting You Today: Deacon of the Month: Joyce McKay, Kevin & Candy Zaske, Bob & Bunny Nolting

August Communion Servers: Rev. Pamela Prouty, Nathan Stephens, Joyce McKay, Maynard & Joyce Nolting, Adrienne Danielson, Joleen MacHolda

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.

Book Study ~ Another book study is in the works! For anyone interested, we will read and discuss the book "*Searching for Sunday*" by Rachel Held Evans. Please talk with Pam Prouty if interested.

Ink Cartridges ~ A reminder that there is a green box in the Narthex for used ink cartridges. The box is taken care of by the A.C.E. program and all proceeds are used for their volunteer appreciation day.

Annual Coffee Party ~ You are invited to join the Piecemakers for their Annual Coffee Party on **Wednesday, August 1**, from 9:30-11:30 am, in the church dining room. Come for coffee, treats and fellowship!

Help ~ We have a person in the community in need of a bunk bed. If anyone has one to donate, or if anyone would like to donate funds to help buy a used one, please let Pastor Scott or Tina in the office know.

Men's Turkey Dinner ~ It is time to start planning for the 2018 Men's Turkey Dinner. Putting together this meal for 600-1000 people is a big undertaking. To help us tackle that task we are organizing a Men's Turkey Dinner Planning Team. We have a volunteer to lead the team, but we need 4-5 additional men from the church who are willing to help organize the dinner in advance of the big day. Please consider volunteering to join this planning team so that we can continue to have the Men's Turkey Dinner. The dinner raises a meaningful amount of money for the church and is a beloved tradition in the community. If you are interested in helping plan the Turkey Dinner, please contact Dave Danielson (507)616-6142 or Pastor Scott. Thank you so much.

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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MST Update ~ The Mission Service Team is in Costa Rica about to begin their work projects and interact with the children and families at the Roblealto Bible Home. Please keep them in your prayers this week as they eagerly serve others and experience God at work at this very special place. Team Members are Lee/Diane Davis, Jill Deinken, Rick /Fran Hauge, Laura Hulterstrum, Sue Jones, Chad /Virginia Larsen, Marlys Mathiowetz, Jan Swoboda and Ann Tiffany.

Urban Plunge ~ Dear Congregation, We plan on doing an Urban Plunge trip to Omaha from November 9-11, 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

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 29: 10:15 am: Worship led by Elaine Hagen & Peggy Dolezal

Monday, July 23-29: Pastor Scott out of the office.

Rev. Anna Williamson of Renville will cover in case of an emergency.

Monday, July 30: Noon: Pastor - Rotary

Wednesday, August 1: 9:30 am: Piecemaker Coffee Party

10:00 am: Pastor - Meeting at Presbytery Office

Thursday, August 2: 10:00 am: Joleen MacHolda

2:00 pm: Dorothy Symes

3:00 pm: Bob & Bunny Nolting

Sunday, August 5: 10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion

11:30 am: Pastor - Pre-Marital Counseling

Monday, August 6-Friday, August 10: Church Office Closed

"We are all evangelists, but we almost always evangelize about the wrong things."-Matthew Kelly

Pray For The Following:

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

Donavan & Cassie Sharpe

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: Today - Bruce Tiffany, 30th - Julie Fiala, August 3rd - Barb Stough, Rev. Scott Prouty

Anniversaries: 30th - Jamie & Emily Norgaard, August 3rd - Paul & Elaine Hagen

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

Muriel Moon, Millie Bunting, Gordon Alexander, Jeanette Kotval, Janet Minkel

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.

Notes for 'Church History Through Poetry and Music'

The word 'hymn' is derived from a Greek word which means 'a song of praise'. Some of the oldest surviving examples of notated music are hymns with Greek texts from the 7th Century B.C. Another definition is 'a lyric poem, reverently and devotionally conceived, designed to be sung, expressing a worshipful attitude toward God'.

Our first hymn, #108, *'Of the Father's Love Begotten'*, was originally written in Latin in the 4th Century, in the midst of the development of the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. This text is now sung to a medieval plainsong melody.

The Western church later introduced four-part vocal harmony to hymn singing led by the organ and choir, a form which shares much with classical music. #450 *'Be Thou My Vision'*, an Irish text written in the 800s, now paired with an Irish folk tune, is an example.

At the time of the Protestant Reformation, there were two conflicting attitudes:

1) Only hymns that were direct quotations from the Bible Psalms were chanted to basic melodies. Organs were removed from churches, as no musical instruments were allowed. This form was encouraged by the Calvinists and Puritans, and collected in 'Psalteries'. #45 is an example of Psalm 121 set to an old hymn tune from 1615.

2) The second form of worship encouraged congregational singing, and allowed a burst of hymn writing activity. Luther used hymns to teach faith to the people, with the first actual hymnal being published in Bohemia in 1532. Isaac Watts was a very prolific writer of hymn texts credited with having written the first English hymn that was not a direct paraphrase of Scripture. We are singing #32 *'I Sing the Mighty Power of God'* with text from 1715. His work moved church music beyond only the Old Testament Psalms, and brought the New Testament faith into the songs of the church, inspiring congregations and revitalizing worship. In 1700 there were very few English hymns, but these years saw dramatic changes in congregational singing, so that by 1800 there were lots of hymn books.

Charles Wesley wrote 8,989 texts for hymns, some 10 lines of verse every day for 10 years. We will sing #366, *'His Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'*. His text was paired with this favorite hymn tune. Wesley brought a new focus, expressing one's personal feelings in relation to God, and along with the Second

Great Awakening in America, introduced a new style of hymns, the 'Gospel' song, which includes a chorus or refrain.

There was a new explosion of testimonial music for revivals and crusades, often sung with a faster tempo. Gospel songs spread rapidly during the 18th century. We are singing a couple of favorite texts, written by Fanny Crosby, #634 *'To God Be the Glory'* and #839, *'Blessed Assurance'*. Another example is 840, *'It is Well'* from earlier in the service.

Another type of hymn, from 'The Southern Harmony' collection that was very popular in the early 19th century, was the 'shape note' form, intended to teach the use of notation and how to sing from sight. An example is #215, *'What Wondrous Love is This'*, an American folk tune.

By 1860, there was a movement toward 'Victorian' hymns, a gentler, more classical, modern singing style. Lowell Mason, organist at a Presbyterian church in Savannah, GA, wrote or arranged the music for a couple of these hymns, #223 *'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'* considered to be among the finest texts by Isaac Watts, and #306 *'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'*.

No hymn survey would be complete without including spirituals, contributed by the African-American experience. #127 is an interesting combination of a Charles Wesley hymn *'Hark the Herald Angels'* combined with a spiritual. Others we chose to sing are #52, *'Go Down Moses'* and #825 *'Swing Low'*.

Contemporary music includes a wide range of styles influenced by popular music, often folk tunes, always seeking to make the music of the church more relevant to a new generation. Hymns today include *'I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry'* and *'Shine, Jesus Shine'*. We are singing #250, *'In the Bulb There is a Flower'*.

Our hymnal is a wonderful resource, a record of a long tradition that has resulted in a wide variety of hymns. We can and do sing traditional hymns describing God, gospel hymns expressing one's personal experience of God, and contemporary hymns which are often directed to God.