

**August 1, 2021**  
**Assemble in God's Name**

**Prelude:** Elaine Hagen

**Ringing of the Church Bell**

**Call to Worship**

L: We have gathered together this morning Lord hoping You will feed us.

**P: We hunger for Wisdom,**

L: You will provide it.

**P: We hunger for Good News,**

L: You will announce it.

**P: We hunger for Love,**

L: You are Love.

**P: Here today, and everywhere always, You offer us the Bread of Life.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we hunger for so much. We crave what is good; belonging, joy, love, delight, eternal security, hope, and peace. We also crave what is not good; excess material possessions, harm to befall our enemies, earthly power, prestige, and apathetic comfort. You know what is good for us. You know what is not good for us. You meet our every need, and offer to rid us of our unhealthy appetites. Open now our hands, and place upon our upturned palms the Bread of Heaven. Thank You, dear God, for this meal of Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. Amen.

**\*Hymn #401                      "Here In This Place" (vs. 1-3)**

**1** Here in this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in - the lost and forsaken; gather us in - the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

**2** We are the young - our lives are a mystery. We are the old - who yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in - the rich and the haughty; gather us in - the proud and the strong, give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

**3** Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Lord, we know what is right and we do not do it. Called to extend mercy, we issue judgement. Enabled to give generously, we close our fist. Commanded to love our neighbor, we malign them with gossip. Prodded by You to build up, we instead tear down. Named Child of God, we regularly act as if we do not know You. Offered the Bread of Eternal Life, we refuse it. Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us.

**\*Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

L: Our Savior promises that He will never drive away anyone who comes to Him. He assures us that He will lose nothing that has been given to Him.

**P: Our sins cannot push Him away! Our iniquity does not consign us to lostness! We are known, loved and forgiven. Amen.**

**\*Response Hymn #581 "Gloria Patri"**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

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

**Proclaim God's Word**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 78:23-29

*But God gave a command to the clouds, and he opened the doors in the skies. 24 From heaven he sent grain that they called manna.[a] 25 He gave them more than enough, and each one of them ate this special food. 26 God's mighty power brought a strong wind from the southeast, 27 and it brought birds that covered the ground, like sand on the beach. 28 Then God made the birds fall in the camp of his people near their tents. 29 God gave his people all they wanted, and each of them ate until they were full.*

**Gospel Lesson:** John 6:22-40

*The people who had stayed on the east side of the lake knew that only one boat had been there. They also knew that Jesus had not left in it with his disciples. But the next day 23 some boats from Tiberias sailed near the place where the crowd had eaten the bread for which the Lord had given thanks. 24 They saw that Jesus and his disciples had left. Then they got into the boats and went to Capernaum to look for Jesus. 25 They found him on the west side of the lake and asked, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" 26 Jesus answered, "I tell you for certain that you are not looking for me because you saw the miracles,[a] but because you ate all the food you wanted. 27 Don't work for food that spoils. Work for food that gives eternal life. The Son of Man will give you this food, because God the Father has given him the right to do so."*

28 "What exactly does God want us to do?" the people asked. 29 Jesus answered, "God wants you to have faith in the one he sent." 30 They replied, "What miracle will you work, so that we can have faith in you? What will you do? 31 For example, when our ancestors were in the desert, they were given manna[b] to eat. It happened just as the Scriptures say, 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

32 Jesus then told them, "I tell you for certain that Moses wasn't the one who gave you bread from heaven. My Father is the one who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 And the bread that God gives is the one who came down from heaven to give life to the world." 34 The people said, "Lord, give us this bread and don't ever stop!" 35 Jesus replied: I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to me will ever be hungry. No one who has faith in me will ever be thirsty. 36 I have told you already that you have seen me and still do not have faith in me. 37 Everything and everyone that the Father has given me will come to me, and I won't turn any of them away.

38 I didn't come from heaven to do what I want! I came to do what the Father wants me to do. He sent me, 39 and he wants to make certain that none of the ones he has given me will be lost. Instead, he wants me to raise them to life on the last day.[c] 40 My Father wants everyone who sees the Son to have faith in him and to have eternal life. Then I will raise them to life on the last day.

**Sermon:** Adrienne Danielson

**\*Hymn #509**                    **"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"**

**1** All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

**2** All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

**3** All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Page 35 in Hymnal)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
    Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
    who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
    born of the Virgin Mary,  
    suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
    was crucified, dead, and buried;

## 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.



**August 1, 2021 ~ 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

Ministers: The members of the congregation

**Pastor: Rev. Scott Prouty**



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he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **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:** Elaine Hagen

### **\*Doxology Hymn #606**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

Giver of All Good Things, thank You for inviting us to share in Your Eternal work. Use these offerings to glorify Your name, feed the hungry, find the lost, free the oppressed, and comfort the afflicted. Amen.

### **\*Hymn #215**

#### ***"What Wondrous Love is This"***

**1** *What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

**2** *When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!*

**3** *To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

**4** *And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.*

### **\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude:** Elaine Hagen

**\*Please stand in body or spirit.**

#### **Year of Equality**

Did you know? Black, Indigenous, and Latino households in America are at least twice as likely as White households to be food insecure.

***Imagination Library*** ~ We're looking for a few good people to be our next "Imagination Angel". Will you donate, so a child in our area can receive a story book each month until they enter Kindergarten? It only takes \$30 to bless a child for one year with the gift of reading. You can mail donations to First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 444, RWF, MN or give online at <https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com/> (make sure to designate Redwood Area to receive your donation).

This program is entirely supported by donations and will only continue with your generosity.

**Checks should be written to: First Presbyterian Church with "Imagination Library" in the memo line. Thank you!** We thank our community partners First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls, Redwood Lions Club, Rotary Club of Redwood Falls and Ruby's Pantry. Thank you!

***Custodian Wanted*** ~ If you love to clean and keep things in working order and want to share that passion with our congregation, please stop by the mailbox outside the church office for an application and a copy of the job description. The work averages about 5 to 8 hours every two weeks. Cleaning times vary depending on activities in the building. If you have questions, call Deb Hess, Personnel Committee Moderator, at 829-6411.

***Thank You*** ~ Thank you to all the helping hands with the church deep cleaning this past week. We appreciate all the help.

***Save the Date*** ~ VBS will be Aug 15-18, from 5:30-7:30 pm, at Gloria Dei Church for kids age 4 through kids having completed 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Join lots of other campers at "Camp Creation". **Registration deadline is August 1!** If you need a registration form, there are extras in the Narthex. Parents, adults, older middle and high school kids! Our church needs to supply our share of volunteers. Can you help? Please contact Ann Tiffany for details. 507-828-0183

## Looking at the Week Ahead:

**Sunday, August 1:** Guest Speaker: Adrienne Danielson

9:00 am: Worship with masks worn and no music

10:15 am: Traditional Worship

**Monday, August 2:** 9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Judy Curtis

10:00 am: Pastor Scott Visits Scott & Michelle Johanneck

Noon: Pastor Scott has Rotary

2:00 pm: Pastor Scott Visits Leon & Sharon King

**Tuesday, August 3:** 7:00 pm: Stewardship Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, August 4:** 9:00 am: Piecemakers

**Thursday, August 5:** 9:00 am: Pastor Scott - Zoom Meeting

**Friday, August 6:** **Church Office Closed**

**Sunday, August 8:** 9:00 am: Worship with Holy Communion (masks worn and no music)

10:15 am: Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...

Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!

**August Ushers: Head Usher Wayne Mann**, Scott Mann, Kevin McKay, Paul Hagen, Marlys Mathiowetz, Winston & Rosie Venable, Sue Osborne, Shelby Enright

**August Communion Servers: Current Ruling Elder Deb Hess**, Dan Tiffany, Scott Goodyear, Karen Speros, Adrienne Danielson, Julie Rienstra, Joleen MacHolda

**Congregational Vitality Survey** ~ Dear Church family, we want to hear from you! What is our congregation doing well? What could we do better? What are your dreams for our church? Everyone will soon be invited to fill out a Congregational Vitality Survey. The surveys will be sent out via email links in early August to all members and regular visitors. Paper copies will be mailed to homebound members. The second Sunday of August we will have "Survey Day" after worship; paper copies will be available for congregants who feel more comfortable utilizing them, and folks will be invited to stay after service and either fill out an electronic or paper copy. We are looking forward to hearing from you all! In Christ, Session

**Sponsor a "Backpack":** The Deacons are asking for your support in their mission project "Backpacks for Mexico". The goal is to raise funds to purchase backpacks with all the supplies needed for the children in Mexico. We are challenging all church members to sponsor a backpack with a \$10 donation each! This mission project runs from now until August. Help make this mission project successful once again. Remember God loves a cheerful giver! Thank You! *Note: Please include your name on your donation. The backpacks will be personalized for distribution.*

## Pray for The Following:

**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:** 2nd - Emma, Harper, Haven & Taylee Johanneck, Amy Berg, Joseph Juell,

3rd - AJ Miller, Barb Stough, Rev. Scott Prouty, 4th - Lillian Alexander, 5th - Emilee Fuhr, 7th - Lyrik Kramer

**Anniversaries:** 2nd - Paul & Elaine Hagen, 6th - Tony & Molly Miller

**Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:**

Millie Bunting, Jeanette Kotval, Bob & Bunny Nolting, Ardis Alexander,

Dorothy Symes, Lucille Byram, Joyce McKay

**All Those Fighting Cancer:** Kathy Tiffany (Glen Tiffany's wife/Donna Potter's sister-in-law),

Julie Fiala's sister Jill

**Pray for all those fighting other diseases:** Shellie Mammen (lupus),

Corrine Gertsema (multiple sclerosis), Tripp Meyers (epilepsy)

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