

July 25, 2021

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

Ringling of the Church Bell

Call to Worship

L: The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."

P: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.

L: The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."

P: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.

L: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

P: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.

Prayer of Invocation

Your glory flows through all generations, as You name every family in heaven and on earth. And so we come to You this day, O God. Your grace and Your hope stretch into all eternity. And so we come to You this day, O Christ. When our lives bottom out, Your grace is still our bedrock; when our spirits run dry, You fill us with Your joy; when we falter in our faith, You strengthen us to serve with hope and peace. And so we come to You this day, O Spirit. God in Community, Holy in One, we come to You this day, lifting our hearts up to You. Amen.

***Hymn #408**

"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

1 *There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

Refrain: *Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with Your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

2 *There are blessings you cannot receive till you know Him in His fullness and believe; you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."* **[Refrain]**

***Call to Confession**

God looks at us to see if we are wise enough to offer confession, to receive forgiveness, and to seek to know the healing love of Christ. Let us prove our wisdom and set aside our foolish pride, as we pray together,

***Prayer of Confession**

Wisdom's Heart: deep within, we know how we have failed to be Your people. Our hardened hearts are closed to the love of Christ; our lust for more and more blocks the fullness of Your grace from transforming our lives; our trust in the powers of the world reveals our foolish nature. Have mercy, God of every generation. Pour out the rich

blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Feed us with Heaven's Bread, so we might be nourished by Your gentleness. Shape us as Your people, and restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to everyone we meet.

***Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

L: The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

P: Grounded in love, rooted in discipleship, we offer ourselves in service to others, recognizing the limitless grace which is ours to share in Christ. Thanks be to God. 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 145:10-18

All creation will thank you, and your loyal people will praise you. 11 They will tell about your marvelous kingdom and your power. 12 Then everyone will know about the mighty things you do and your glorious kingdom. 13 Your kingdom will never end, and you will rule forever. Our Lord, you keep your word and do everything you say.[a] 14 When someone stumbles or falls, you give a helping hand. 15 Everyone depends on you, and when the time is right, you provide them with food. 16 By your own hand you satisfy the desires of all who live. 17 Our Lord, everything you do is kind and thoughtful, 18 and you are near to everyone whose prayers are sincere.

Gospel Lesson: John 6:1-21

6 Jesus crossed Lake Galilee, which was also known as Lake Tiberias. 2 A large crowd had seen him work miracles to heal the sick, and those people went with him. 3-4 It was almost time for the Jewish festival of Passover, and Jesus went up on a mountain with his disciples and sat down.[a] 5 When Jesus saw the large crowd coming toward him, he asked Philip, "Where will we get enough food to feed all these people?" 6 He said this to test Philip, since he already knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered, "Don't you know that it would take almost a year's wages[b] just to buy only a little bread for each of these people?" 8 Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the disciples. He spoke up and said, 9 "There is a boy here who has five small loaves[c] of barley bread and two fish. But what good is that with all these people?"

10 The ground was covered with grass, and Jesus told his disciples to have everyone sit down. About five thousand men were in the crowd. 11 Jesus took the bread in his hands and gave thanks to God. Then he passed the bread to the people, and he did the same with the fish, until everyone had plenty to eat. 12 The people ate all they wanted, and Jesus told his disciples to gather up the leftovers, so that nothing would be wasted. 13 The disciples gathered them up and filled twelve large baskets with what was left over from the five barley loaves. 14 After the people had seen Jesus work this miracle,[d] they began saying, "This must be the Prophet[e] who is to come into the world!" 15 Jesus realized that they would try to force him to be their king. So he went up on a mountain, where he could be alone. 16 That evening, Jesus' disciples went down to the lake. 17 They got into a boat and started across for Capernaum. Later that evening Jesus had still not come to them, 18 and a strong wind was making the water rough. 19 When the disciples had rowed for three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the water. He kept coming closer to the boat, and they were terrified. 20 But he said, "I am Jesus![f] Don't be afraid!" 21 The disciples wanted to take him into the boat, but suddenly the boat reached the shore where they were headed.

Sermon

*Hymn #188 **"Jesus Loves Me!"**

1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." **[Refrain]**

*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;
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;

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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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

Minute for Mission: Adrienne Danielson

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**

In our hands, the gifts seem so paltry, but in yours, they can bring plentitude of grace to those who are so hungry for hope. In our hearts, we wonder how effective our ministries might be, but joined with yours, we can indeed bring healing, community, peace, and joy to our struggling communities. Bless us and our gifts, multiply our hopes and our efforts, that your wonders might come into the world around us. Amen.

***Hymn #353 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

1 *My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain: *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

2 *When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]*

3 *His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]*

4 *When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]*

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** Elaine Hagen

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

Year of Equality

Did you know? Many mainstays of African American and Native American food culture are the fruit of past food insecurity within their communities. Fry bread became a staple of many Native American diets after tribes were removed to lands that could not support their people through hunting or farming, forcing Indigenous people to rely solely on the flour, lard, and canned goods paid to them by the US government. Likewise, African American "Soul Food" was created by enslaved Africans who were able to turn meager food rations, low in quality and nutritional value, into foods such as boiled pig's feet that could sustain them.

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.

Save the Dates ~ Church Deep Cleaning Days: Wednesday, July 28, from 6-9 pm, and if needed: Wednesday, August 25, from 6-9 pm. It has been many years since a deep cleaning jubilee was done at the church. Many hands make light work. The more the merrier. We will have someone from the Properties Committee there to help with any repairs. Bring your favorite cleaning supplies with you. If you can't help out for whatever reasons and are willing to make a pan of bars or a dozen cookies for the crew, that would be welcome too!!! **There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.** Any questions, contact Deb Hess at gmc1953dlh@aol.com or 829-6411.

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 4th 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

Youth Valley Fair Trip: Reminder we would like to know if you plan on attending the Youth Valley Fair trip **BY JULY 25!** Thank You!

Looking at the Week Ahead:

Sunday, July 25: 9:00am: Worship - Masks required & no singing.
10:15 am: Traditional Worship

July 26-August 1: Pastor Scott is taking a week of Continuing Education. Rev. Anna Williamson, Renville Presbyterian, will cover in case of pastoral emergency. 320-305-0346

Sunday, August 1: Guest Speaker: Adrienne Danielson
9:00 am: Worship with masks worn and no music
10:15 am: Traditional Worship

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

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

July Ushers: Head Usher Merlin Goudy, Diane Davis, Lois Davis, Bruce & Ann Tiffany, Dan Tiffany

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: Today - Knox Kramer, David Fuhr, Roger Potter, Alica Whitmore, 26th - Dorothy Symes, 28th - Kassandra Sweetman, Mika Jacobson, 29th - Bruce Tiffany, 30th - Julie Fiala, 31st - Anne Marie Danielson

Anniversaries: Today - Doug & Kay Jensen

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.