

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude: Elaine Hagen

Ring of the Church Bell/Welcome

Welcome

Read Vision Statement

God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

Call to Worship (Based on Matthew 23:37)

L: As a hen gathers her brood under her wings,

P: God desires to gather us together.

L: Gather us, O God.

P: We are here to worship and sing your praise!

Prayer of Invocation

Dear God, we give thanks to You, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for another beautiful day with our loved ones. As we conduct our day, You are forever in our hearts and thoughts. We ask for Your love, guidance, and protection in everything we do. Please watch over those who mean the most to us.

***Hymn #634 "To God Be the Glory"**

***Call to Confession**

No one is lost to God. All our welcome to witness and receive God's saving grace. Let us confess our sins before our Savior.

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we are quick to criticize, quick to judge, quick to blame. We fail to offer others the same grace we receive from You. We hold ourselves up as superior and fail to address the patterns of dominance we perpetuate. Forgive us. Help us seek understanding and compassion. Help us accept the love You offer us and share Your love with others.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Christ transforms, redeems and renews. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are 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

Moment for Children: Adrienne Danielson

Prayer of Illumination

Savior God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Walk with us. Guide us with Your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning Your will and Your way. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Acts 17:22-31

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Gospel Lesson: John 14:1-12

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Sermon

***Hymn #828 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"**

Mother's Day Litany

L: Gracious God, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give You thanks for all women. We thank You for the women who raised us, who were our mothers in childhood, whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother, neighbor, teacher, or someone else, we thank You for those women who held us and fed us, cared for us, and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms. We pray today for moms whose children are grown.

P: Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

L: We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

P: Grant them rest and peace as they trust You for the future.

L: We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

P: Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

L: We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

P: Grant them strength and wisdom.

L: We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

P: Grant them time to share with their families.

L: We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

P: Grant them relief and justice.

L: We pray for stepmoms.

P: Grant them patience and understanding and love.

L: We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

P: Grant them faith and hope.

L: We pray for moms in marriages or relationships which are in crisis.

P: Grant them support and insight.

L: We pray for moms who have had children die.

P: Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

L: We pray for mothers who aborted their children.

P: Grant them healing and peace.

L: We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

P: Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in Your providence.

L: We pray for adoptive mothers.

P: Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift You have provided.

L: We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

P: Grant them wisdom and discernment.

L: We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

P: Grant them grace to accept Your timing and will.

L: We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

P: Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

L: We pray for those people who are grieving the loss of their mother.

P: Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

L: Lord, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. We thank You for the many examples of faithful mothers in Scripture, like Sarah, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Lois. We are mindful this day of all these women who had the courage to say "Yes" to Your calling. May all women and men emulate these examples of faith and be a model of discipleship. Bless all mothers and mother figures on this special day; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering (Acts 20:35)

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

God's Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory: Elaine Hagen

***Responsive Hymn #606 "The Doxology"**

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**

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that You have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to Your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

***Hymn #366**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

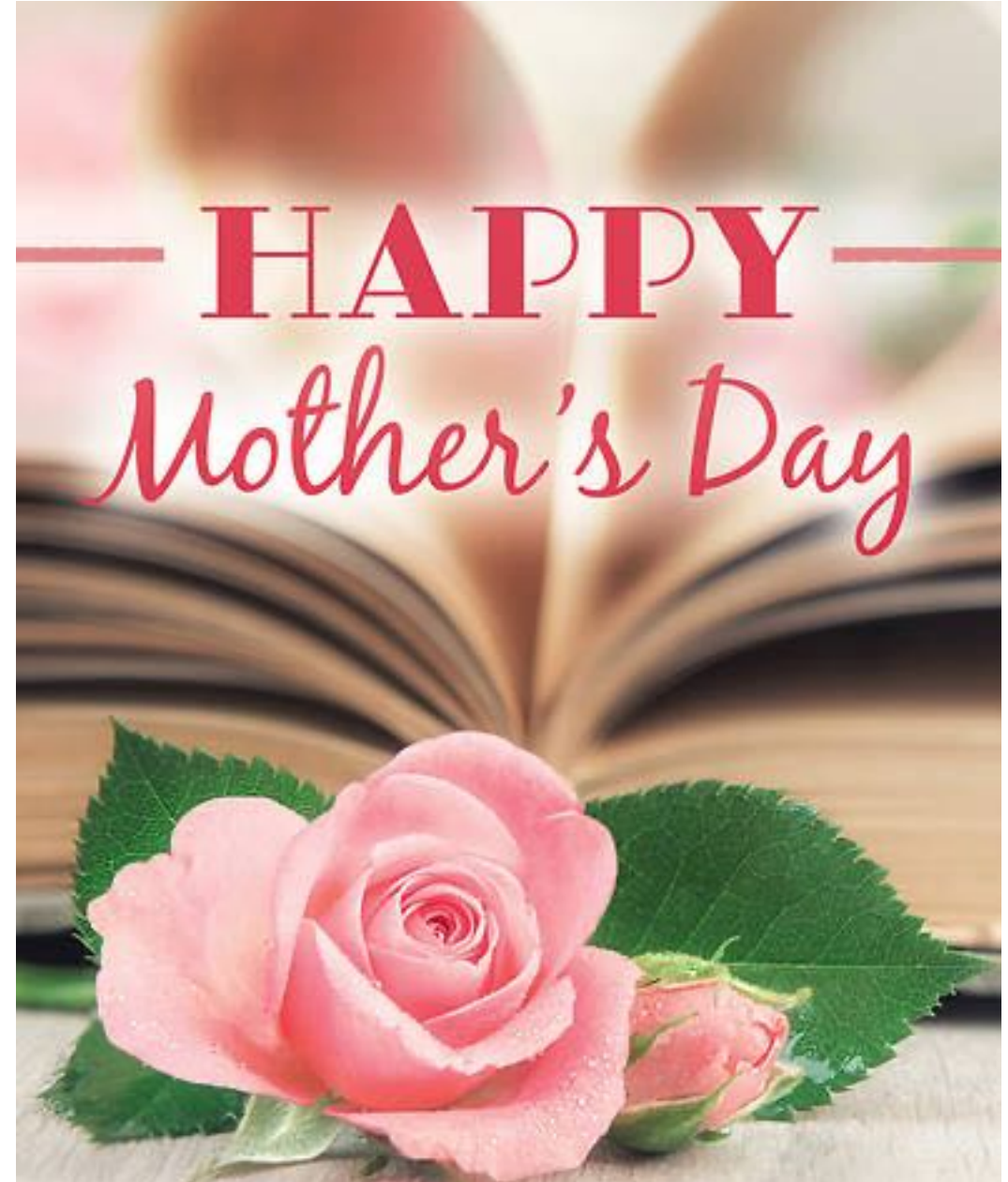
***Benediction**

***Postlude:** Elaine Hagen

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

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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May 14, 2023

Rummage Sale ~ Mark your calendars: **Thursday, May 18, 1-6 pm, Friday, May 19, 10am-6pm, and Saturday, May 20, 9am-1pm.** We're looking for people to help with set-up beginning on Monday, May 17, as well as the days of the sale. Please let Peggy Dolezal, Ann Tiffany or Nancy Miller know if you'd like to join the fun! **You can start bringing all your gently used items as soon as TODAY!!! Please put items in the Youth Chapel!!!**

Bible Study ~ We have two weekly Bible studies on Wednesdays. At 7 am we read and study the Old Testament (Acts) and at 2 pm, the New Testament (John).

Prayer Chain ~ Do you want to be a part of the church Prayer Chain and the power of prayer? Here is how it works... When a prayer request arises, the Prayer Chain is activated. You will be notified and asked to offer prayers and contact the next person on the chain. If you are interested in being put on the Prayer Chain, please contact Char Gilland (640-0210) or Julie Fiala (430-3849) to join.

Position Opening ~ It is with deep regret that we have accepted the resignation of our custodian, Markeela Toreen whose last day with us is 5.31.23. Session has authorized filling the position. If you love to clean and keep things in working order and want to share that passion with our congregation please stop in for an application, Monday-Friday, between 9 am-1 pm, at: First Presbyterian Church, 235 E 4th St., RWF, or by email: churchofc@hotmail.com. The work averages 5-8 hours every two weeks. Cleaning times vary depending on activities in the building. Attached is the job description. If you have questions call Molly Miller at 712-579-0603.

Pray for The Following

Pray for Members of Our Church Family that have recently passed away: Sharon King; Sharon passed away on Wednesday, May 10, keep Sharon's family in your thoughts and prayers.

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 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: 18th - Joyce Goodyear, Larry Wessels

Anniversaries: 19th - Bruce & Ann Tiffany, 20th - Dave & Corrine Gertsema

Members of our Church Family in Hospice Care: Dorothy Symes

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

Millie Bunting, Bob & Bunny Nolting, Lucille Byram

All Those Fighting Cancer: Ralph Revier, Gary Hindt,

Julie Fiala's sister; Jill Nelson, Mark Pankonin (Shari Fuhr's brother)

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

VBS ~ We will be teaming up with Gloria Dei again this year for "Bonds That Last" **VBS on Thursday, June 8, from 9 am-3 pm.** Registration forms are available from the church office. Also, mark your calendar for our VBS pool party on Saturday, June 10!

Help Needed ~ We are looking for more individuals to learn how to use the church camera. If you are interested, please let Pastor Scott or Lee Davis know. Thanks! Pastor Scott

May Ushers: Head Usher: Gary Hindt, Greg Dording, Stephen Dording, Kim McKay, Tom & Barb Stough, Julie Rienstra, Shawn Corder, Leanne Heimer, Paul Hagen, Nick Brozek

May Communion Servers: Ruling Elder Michael Joldersma, Rhonda Joldersma, Shawn Corder, Julie Rienstra, Shannon Sweetman, Sonya Alexander, Dan Tiffany

Deacon of the Month: Dan Tiffany

Today's Greeter: Dan & Maria Alexander

Looking at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, May 14:

9:00 am: Sunday School

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags-Bentson

Tuesday, May 16:

4:30-6:00 pm: Ruby's Pantry

Wednesday, May 17:

7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study

10:45 am: Pastor Scott leads worship at Garnette Gardens

2:00 pm: New Testament Bible Study

Thursday, May 18:

9:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Ralph Revier

10:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Richard Aakre

11:00 am: Pastor Scott visits Sally Dording

1-6:00 pm: Rummage Sale

2:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bunny Nolting & Dorthy Symes

2:45 pm: Pastor Scott visits Bob Nolting

3:15 pm: Pastor Scott visits Millie Bunting

4:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Sue Tiffany

7:00 pm: Pastor Scott visits Randy & Lynn Juell

Friday, May 19:

10:00 am-6:00 pm: Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 20:

9:00 am-1:00 pm: Rummage Sale

Sunday, May 21:

9:00 am: Sunday School - Last Day

10:15 am: 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!