

Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Ringling of the Church Bell

Welcome: Eloise Brozek

Read Vision Statement: August Danielson

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: August Danielson

L: God of Love, let us gather together in Your name to spend time in Your presence.

P: May we abide with You in Your love, that we may share and live Your love with one another.

L: The road we have traveled to get here today is different for each one of us, but we meet together in this place to praise You.

P: Let us be open to Your transforming love, that we may become Your disciples and follow You on Your way.

Prayer of Invocation: August Danielson

Creator God, giver of life and compassion, nurture us in this time of praise to You. Blessed is Your name, provider of senses and experiences. We appreciate the gift of touch, that we may know the softness of Your creation in communion with others. We appreciate the gift of hearing, that we may enjoy the sound of the wind that can carry Your spirit. We appreciate the gift of sight, that we may witness the rainbow of Your promise. We appreciate the gift of smell, that we may experience the beauty of Your flowers in other ways. We appreciate the gift of taste, that we may explore the creativity You give us in baking and cooking. The complexity of Your creation is beautiful knowing when some senses may fail us we are not excluded from Your kingdom, from the beauty all around us. Your generosity abounds beyond all words. We thank You. God who has created us in different ways, with diverse abilities to experience, let us communicate, so we can see how amazing all that You have made is, experiencing together for a fuller understanding of just how great You are. God of all people and all time, we take this time to worship You. Amen.

***Hymn #286**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

***Call to Confession:** August Danielson

When we come before God, we remember and proclaim who God is: merciful, just, holy, and loving. We must also remember who we are. We are a people who have not always been the people God has called us to be. We have not always been merciful, just, holy or loving. So let us confess our sin, trusting in God's goodness to forgive us and create us anew for our lives ahead.

***Unison Prayer of Confession:** August Danielson

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in You. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from You. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in You alone. Amen.

***Time for Silent Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon:** (from 2 Corinthians 5:17) August Danielson

Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven, and be at peace. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Response #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”**

1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose life has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

2 World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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

Proclaim God's Word

Anthem: Chancel Choir

Moment for Children: Adrienne Danielson

Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, may Your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to Your words of love and grace this day. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:25-31

Scripture Lessons: 1 John 4:7-21

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Sermon

***Hymn #450 “Be Thou My Vision”**

***Affirmation of Faith:** (adapted from Belonging to God: A First Catechism)

We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord’s Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. We believe the good news that gives us comfort that we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for our sake, so that nothing will ever separate us from God’s love. We know this good news through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and helps us rely on its promises today. Amen.

Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Give Thanks to God

Call for the Offering

Having heard the good news and being assured of God’s love and grace, our only response is one of gratitude. Let us give thanks with what we have and who we are. Let us give our offering.

God’s Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

***Responsive Hymn #647 “Give Thanks”**

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.

2 And now let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!” Give thanks. Give thanks.

***Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, please accept these gifts and use them for the coming of Your kingdom in this time and place. In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us, we pray with thanksgiving. Amen.

***Hymn #22 “God of the Sparrow”**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

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April 28, 2024

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April Ushers: Head Usher Scott Kohler, Laura Kohler, Nancy Miller, Nick & Katherine Brozek, Don & Lorrie Quinn

May Communion Servers: Julie Rienstra, Nick Brozek, Nathan Stephens, Shawn Corder, Scott Goodyear, Paul Hagen, Becky Stephens

Deacon of the Month: Shari Fuhr

Today's Greeter: Kim McKay

April Money Counter: Julie Fiala

May Money Counter: Adrienne Danielson

2024 Per-Capita: \$45.00/\$9.80: General Assembly, \$5.50: Synod, \$29.70: Presbytery

Position Opening ~ We are still looking for a church custodian!!!

Please stop into/or call the church office for more information!!!

Looking at the Week Ahead

Sunday, April 28:

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

10:15 am: Worship

Following Worship: Confirmation meets with Session

Following Worship: Packing Weekend Food Bags/*Sharpe*

April 28-30: Pastor Scott will be at Synod Meeting in Farmington.

Wednesday, May 1:

7:00 am: Old Testament Bible Study

9:00 am: Piecemakers

2:00 pm: Apocrypha Bible Study

3:30 pm: Pastor Scott visits Lois Davis

Sunday, May 5:

9:00 am: Sunday School

9:15 am: Choir Practice

9:15 am: Confirmation Pictures

10:15 am: Worship - Confirmation Sunday - 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!

Rummage Sale ~ Due to the street contraction, we have postponed our Spring Rummage Sale. Look for more information later this summer or fall!

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

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

“WOW” Mission Project ~ Through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog and the Presbyterian Mission, the Mission Committee will be collecting a special offering throughout the month of April. The “WOW” Project... “Wall of Water”. Let’s build a well for those in need of clean water and a wall of water right here in our sanctuary! Bring your donations each Sunday for the special offering and bottles of water to add to our wall!

Be Alert ~ Construction on 4th Street is underway. The main (south) entrance will remain locked during the construction for safety purposes, and **is NOT to be used for any reason.** On Sunday mornings you will need to use the back (alley) or Sanctuary (east) entrances. During the week, just the back (alley) entrance will be unlocked. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Sabbatical ~ Pastor Scott will be on Sabbatical from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Worship Committee is lining up pulpit supply for this time.

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 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: *29th: Paige Paplow, Kathy Peterson, Eliza Bentson, May 1st: Kory Schneider,*

2nd: Lois Tiffany, Sue Nearing, Henry Bentson, Anika Martin, Owen Mathiowetz,

3rd: Mark Oja, Brandy Toomer, 4th: Nathan Prouty

Anniversaries: *May 1st: Nathan & Kristi Zimmerman, 4th: Gerry & Deb Hess*

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

Bob & Bunny Nolting

All Those Fighting Cancer: *Shari Fuhr, Ralph Revier, Diane Davis, Sally Sisk (Julie Fiala's sister)*

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