

## Assemble in God's Name

### **Prelude**

### **Ringling of the Church Bell**

### **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**

**L:** Beloved disciples, welcome. As we gather, what are you seeking?

**P:** We seek God's presence all around us.

**L:** Beloved disciples, if God's presence is all around us, what are you seeking?

**P:** We seek to recognize God's presence among us.

**L:** Beloved disciples, if God is among you, what are you seeking?

**P:** We seek God in the faces of family, friends, and neighbors.

**L:** Beloved disciples, if God is in the face of your neighbor, what are you seeking?

**P:** We seek God in the search and the work for peace and wholeness for all God's creation.

**L:** As we gather today, may we meet God in our seeking and in our finding.

**P:** Amen.

### **Prayer of Invocation**

Lord, if it's You, we need to hear from You. When we are alone. When we go away to pray. When we have little faith. When we are battered by the waves. When the wind is against us. When we get in the boat. When we're terrified by our ghosts. When we seek You on the mountain. When we cry out in fear. When we start walking on water. When we begin to sink. When we are far from land. Lord, if it's You, speak to us, calm our fears, calm our storms. Strengthen our resolve. Remind us who You are. Walk to us. Call to us. Save us. Reach out Your hand and catch us. Quiet the wind around us. Lord, if it's You, we worship You for "Truly You are the Son of God." Amen.

**\*Hymn #664 "Morning Has Broken"**

### **\*Call to Confession**

Surrounded by God's everlasting faithfulness, we acknowledge our distress in how we have lost faith and become separated from God and one another. Let us confess our sins to God, our loving and merciful redeemer.

### **\*Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious Creator, we seek Your blessing, knowing that we have not earned it. In our faults, we seek Your blessing. In our sins, we seek Your forgiveness. In our weakness, we seek Your strength. In our sorrow, we seek Your consolation. In our trials, we seek Your justice. In our pain, we seek Your peace. Hear our prayers, O God, and make our hearts new. Amen.

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

When we are in distress because we have wandered from the way, God is also distressed. God has sent a savior to guide and redeem us in every season. This is the good news of Jesus Christ: We are forgiven! 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

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Open our hearts, Oh God, to this Your Word. May we hear with joy what you would have us hear this day and may the music of Your grace build our whole lives long that we may sing Your praise with our whole being.

**Scripture:** Isaiah 25:6-9, Mark 6:30-34

**Sermon**

Rev. Steven Boots

**\*Hymn #738 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"**

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

## Announcements, Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Minute for Mission: Rick Hauge - Backpack Ministry

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

### Give Thanks to God

Call for the 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**

Forgiving God, the first offering You ask for is the giving of ourselves, loving You and others boldly, refusing to let our fear of the storms around us keep us from taking risks. Forgive us for times when You have called us to leave our places of comfort, and we've ignored the call. Forgive us when our giving has not grown beyond our safety zone, but You blessed our gifts and us anyway. For those times when we dared to put our foot outside the boat and then sank up to our knees, thank You for not taking Your hand away. For all this, we give thanks in the holy name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen. *(Matthew 14:22-33)*

**\*Hymn #546 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"**

**\*Benediction**

Beloved family of Christ, the search is not over. The seeking has only just begun. Yet through it all and in it all, God is with us. May we go today trusting that we are found in God and living so that God is found in us. Amen.

**\*Postlude**

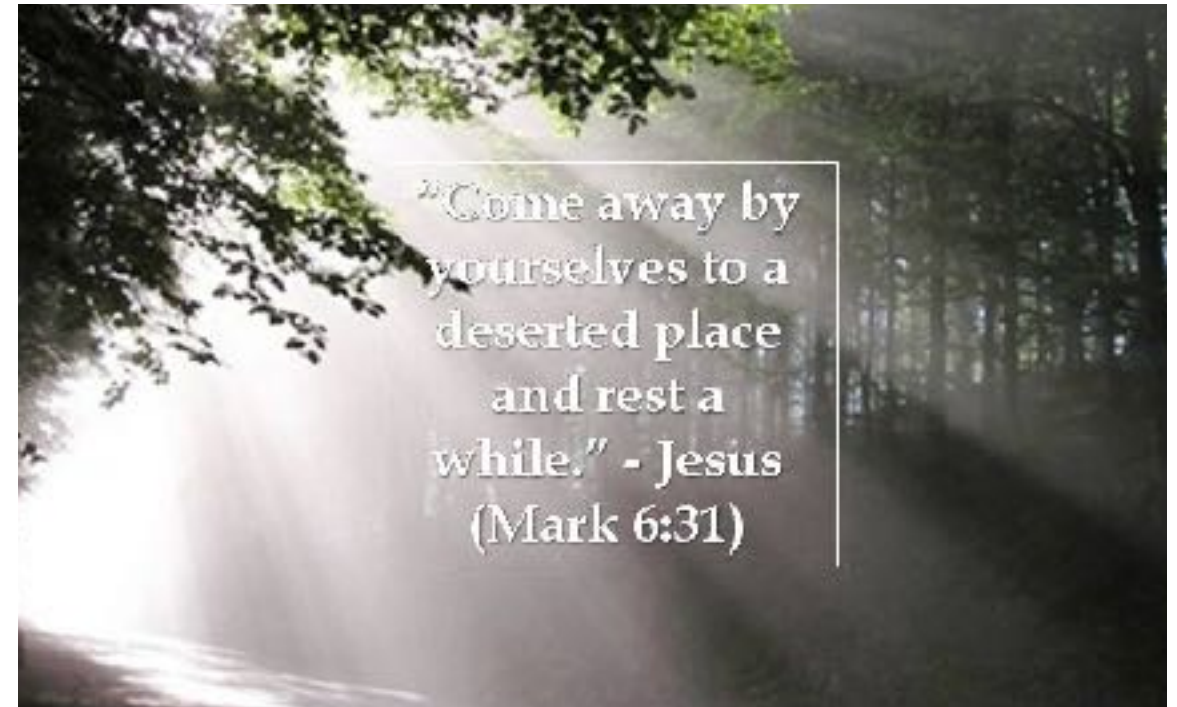
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## First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is:

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**August 11, 2024**

**Rev. Steven Boots**

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**Sabbatical** ~ Pastor Scott will be on Sabbatical from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Rev. Pamela Prouty will cover for funerals. In case of any other pastoral emergencies, please contact Bob Alexander at 507-430-4763 or Dave Danielson at 507-616-6141.

**Be Alert** ~ Construction on 4th Street continues. During the week, only the back (alley) entrance will be unlocked. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**Backpack Ministry** ~ The Mission Committee needs all hands on deck to pack school supplies following worship, **this morning**.

### **Looking at the Weeks Ahead**

**Sunday, August 11:** 10:15 am: Worship with Rev. Steve Boots  
Following Worship: Packing Backpacks for Backpack Ministry

**Monday, August 12:** 5:30 pm: Session Meeting

**Sunday, August 18:** 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!

**August Ushers:** Head Usher Wayne Mann, Scott Mann, Kevin McKay, Paul Hagen, Marlys Mathiowetz, Kim McKay, Julie Rienstra

**September Ushers:** Head Usher: Don Dagner, Scott Goodyear, Rachel Karnitz, Dale & Sandy Starr, Tony & Molly Miller

**September Communion Servers:** Head Server: Michael Joldersma, Servers: Scott Goodyear, Rhonda Joldersma, Shari Fuhr, Mike Bentson, Tony Miller, Dave Danielson

**Deacon of the Month:** Becky Stephens

**Today's Greeter:** Diane Davis

**August Money Counter:** Julie Rienstra

**September Money Counter:** Tony Miller

### **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 local, national, world political leaders.**

**Birthdays:** *Today: August Danielson & Corrine Danielson, 12th: Alexandra Rohne, 14th: Jennifer Hindt, 15th: Kimary Tiffany, Addilynn Sharpe, Haylee Toomer, 16th: Sonya Alexander, 17th: Char Gilland*

**Anniversaries:** *14th: Robb & Robin Schneider, Brenda & Ryan Becklund, 15th: Shannon & Ray Sweetman, 17th: Kory & Brittany Schneider*

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

*Bob & Bunny Nolting*

**All Those Fighting Cancer:** *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.**