

Assemble in God’s Name

Prelude
Ring 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.

Greeting
L: We seek the kin-dom of God:
P: where the smallest seeds turn into great plants.
L: We seek the kin-dom of God:
P: as precious as pearls or treasure.
L: We seek the kin-dom of God:
P: where joy and abundance reign.

Announcements
***Call to Worship:** Psalm 119:129-136
L: 129Your decrees are wonderful;
P: therefore my soul keeps them.
L: 130The unfolding of your words gives light;
P: it imparts understanding to the simple.
L: 131With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.
P: 132Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.
L: 133Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
P: and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
L: 134Redeem me from human oppression,
P: that I may keep your precepts.
L: 135Make your face shine upon your servant,
P: and teach me your statutes. 136My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

***Hymn #175 “Seek Ye First”**
***Confession/Assurance**
L: We love God, and yet . . .
P: We are Christ’s disciples, and yet . . .
L: We are guided by the Spirit, and yet . . .
P: there are many ways we do not live this reality. Let us call upon the Spirit to intercede for us in our time of confession.
***(*Selah-Breathe-Pause*)

L: Spirit, intercede . . .
P: when we fall short of your glory, when we do not deserve your promises, when we do not act like those who have been called your family.
L: Spirit, intercede . . .
P: when our words wound, when our silence speaks volumes, when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do.
L: Spirit, intercede . . .
P: break forth into our lives, forming us into the image of your Son, that we might never feel separate from you again.
***(*Silent Prayers*)
L: Beloved, hear this good news:
God is for us. Not even our sins can separate us from the love of God.
P: Glory be to God for this grace and mercy!

***Response: #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
L: Holy, Holy, Holy One,
P: guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Genesis 29:15-28
15Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” 16Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. 18Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” 19Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” 20So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. 21Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” 22So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. 23But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. 24(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) 25When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” 26Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. 27Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” 28Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Scripture: Romans 8:26-39

26Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

29For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. 30And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." 37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

31 [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; 32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; 46 on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." 52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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*Hymn (Insert) “I am Thine O Lord”

*Affirmation of Faith

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

Give Thanks to God

God’s Tithes and Your Offering Received

Offertory

*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.

*Thanksgiving Prayer

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous, too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

*Prayers of the People

L: Let us pray in the Spirit, who helps us in our weakness,

P: interceding with sighs too deep for words.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: In the Spirit, we pray for the church ...

P: As nothing can separate us from your love, let nothing stand between us and our calling to share the love of Christ with others.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: In the Spirit, we pray for the earth . . .

P: Give us a greater respect for smaller things— the tiny seed, small creature, or subtle event that plays a vital part in your good creation.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: In the Spirit, we pray for all nations . . .

P: Grant our leaders wise and discerning minds, so that they may live in faithfulness, and govern with righteousness and justice.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: In the Spirit, we pray for this community . . .

P: Help us to deal honestly with one another, keeping faith and honoring commitments in public life and in personal affairs.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: In the Spirit, we pray for loved ones . . .

P: Remember those in peril, hardship or distress. Show them that nothing in life or in death can separate them from your love.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: In the Spirit, we pray to you, O God,

P: confident that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. Above all, we give you thanks, O God, that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Romans 8:26, 28, 39

*Hymn #733 “We Are All One in Mission”

*Charge & Sending

L: May the blessing of the Trinity—

P: holy, holy, holy Lord—

L: be with you now and always.

P: Alleluia!

Isaiah 6:3

L: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,

P: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here I am; send me!” Amen.

Isaiah 6:8

Liturgical prayers and responses adapted from Call To Worship 561 Year A- Lectionary aids for 2022-2023, Published by the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

*Hymn #748 “Go with Us, Lord” (sing through twice)

**Please stand in body or spirit.*
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2026 Per-Capita: \$47.00 per person

Faith & Ag Farm Tour ~ Minnesota Valleys Presbytery is excited to invite people from across our churches and communities to a special Faith & Agriculture Farm Tour on **Sunday, August 9**, at 3 pm, at Tiffany Family Farms. This event is open to everyone—not only members of our Presbyterian churches. To help us plan for attendance and refreshments, we are asking participants to RSVP. RSVP Link: [RSVP](#)

July Ushers: Head Usher: Dan Tiffany
Ushers: Bruce & Ann Tiffany, Leon King, Lois Davis, Dan Alexander

August Communion Servers (August 9): Head Server: Shawn Corder
Michael & Rhonda Joldersma, Stephanie Klavetter, Paul Hagen, Dave Danielson, Laura Kohler

July Deacon of the Month: Amber Kleinhuizen
Today's Greeters: Julie & Ernie Fiala

July Money Counters: Michael Joldersma & Mike Bentson
August Money Counters: Bob Alexander & Bruce Tiffany

Pray for The Following

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.

July Birthdays: 28th: Kassie Sweetman, 29th: Bruce Tiffany, 30th: Julie Fiala, 31st: Anne-Marie Danielson

Members of our Church Family in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living or Other Facilities:
Bunny Nolting, Lois Tiffany, Marlys Verdoes, Merlin Goudy

All Those Fighting Cancer: *Gerry Hess, Jim Curtis, Sally Sisk - Julie Fiala's Sister*

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



Calendar of Events ~ Looking at the Weeks Ahead

Sunday, July 26:	10:15 am: Worship - Anna Williamson
Wednesday, July 29:	8:00 am: Bible Study 3:00 pm: Bible Study
Sunday, August 2:	10:15 am: Worship - Dennis Peterson
Wednesday, August 5:	8:00 am: Bible Study 9:00 am: Piecemakers 3:00 pm: Bible Study
Sunday, August 9:	10:15 am: Worship with Holy Communion - Elaine Boyd 3:00 pm: Faith & Ag Farm Tour at the Tiffany Farm 5:00 pm: Friendship Dinner
Wednesday, August 12:	Church Office Hours: 8 am-2pm 8:00 am: Bible Study 3:00 pm: Bible Study
Thursday, August 13:	All Day: Presbytery Use of Church
Thursday & Friday, August 13 & 14: Church Office Closed	
Sunday, August 16:	10:15 am: Worship Following Worship: Backpack Ministry
Tuesday, August 18:	6:30 pm: Scouts Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 19:	8:00 am: Bible Study 9:00 am: Piecemakers 3:00 pm: Bible Study
Sunday, August 23:	10:15 am: Worship
Monday, August 24:	5:30-9:00 pm: Scouts Use of Church
Wednesday, August 26:	8:00 am: Bible Study 3:00 pm: Bible Study

Our Sunday morning service is on our local channels...
Nuvera (Channel 3), Media-Com (Channel 8): Mondays at 10 am, Wednesdays at 7 pm!

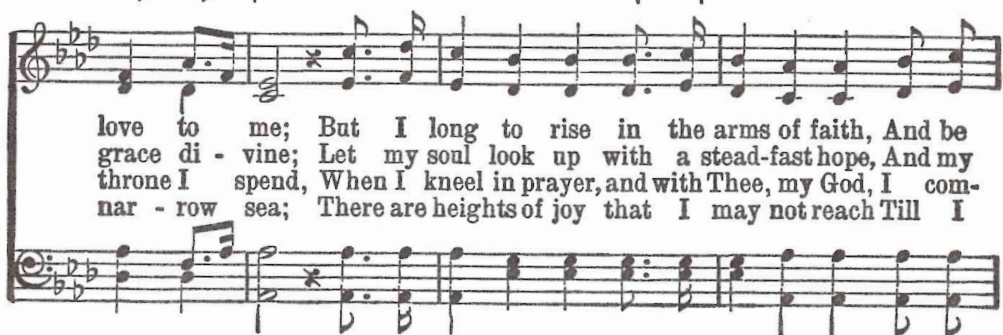
Draw Me Nearer

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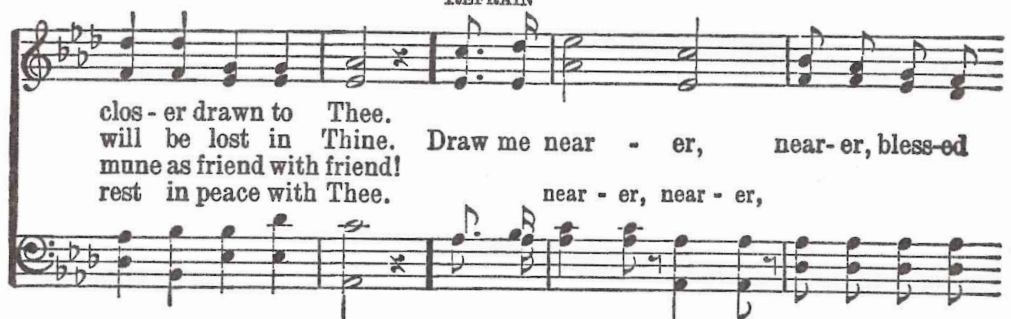


1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy
 2. Con-se-crate me now to Thy serv-ice, Lord, By the pow'r of
 3. Oh, the pure de-light of a sin-gle hour That be-fore Thy
 4. There are depths of love that I can-not know Till I cross the

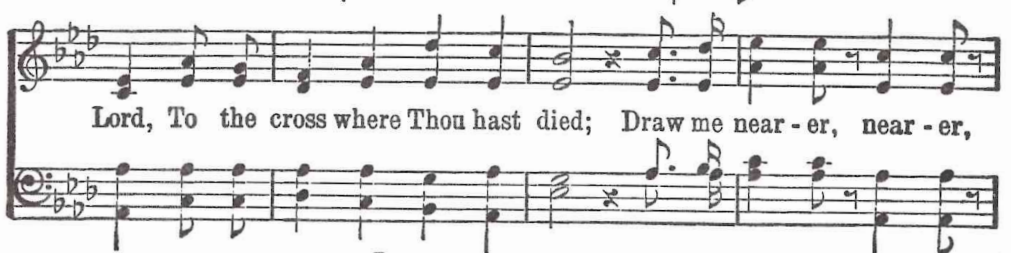


love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith, And be
 grace di-vine; Let my soul look up with a stead-fast hope, And my
 throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I com-
 nar-row sea; There are heights of joy that I may not reach Till I

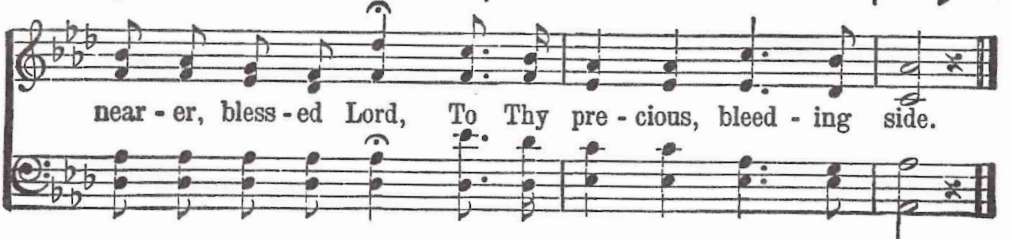
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clos-er drawn to Thee.
 will be lost in Thine. Draw me near - er, near-er, bless-ed
 mune as friend with friend!
 rest in peace with Thee. near - er, near - er,



Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me near - er, near - er,



near - er, bless-ed Lord, To Thy pre-cious, bleed-ing side.